
Snows hinder plane search

ISLAMABAD, Sept. 24, (AP): Autumn snow in the towering Himalayas has limited a wide-ranging search for a Pakistani passenger plane that disappeared on Aug. 25, with 54 people aboard.

Officials believe the twin-engine Fokker 27 Friendship may have crashed into a mountain peak at a high altitude and been buried under as much as 100 feet (30 metres) of snow from an ensuing avalanche.

The plane carried five crew and 49 passengers, of whom two Americans were the only foreigners, officials said.

"The search is almost off... The snowline is coming down and some of the search parties are starting to come back," said Azra Sultan, spokeswoman for Pakistan International Airlines.

Airplanes and helicopters from PIA, the United Nations, private relief agencies, and the Pakistan and Indian military combed about 64,000 square miles (160,000 square kilometres) of rugged mountains in the Himalaya and Karakoram ranges.

Thousands of volunteers, including passengers' relatives, and Pakistan Army troops have scoured the deep valleys, officials said. Even US-backed Muslim rebels fighting communists in neighbouring Afghanistan were helping with the search, which Sultan called "the longest and most extensive search ever carried out."

The propeller-driven plane disappeared in clear weather on a one-hour flight from the mountain town of Gilgit to Islamabad, the Pakistani capital, 175 miles (280 kilometres) to the south. The course between peaks up to 26,000 feet (7,878 metres) is known one of the most hazardous — and the most breathtaking — commercial air routes in the world.

Pakistani newspaper reports speculated the plane was hijacked to another country.

Manila admits troops setback, orders greater control

MANILA, Sept. 24, (AP): The Philippines' top military leader has acknowledged his troops suffered setbacks recently at the hands of communist rebels and has ordered greater control of a new civilian militia accused of human rights abuses.

The assessment was made by Chief of Staff Gen. Renato de Villa at a meeting of brigade commanders Friday. Copies

of his remarks were released by the armed forces today.

De Villa said senior commanders were concerned about the poor performance of some units in the field and that recent government casualties were caused by the laxity of some commanders.

"These past weeks we suffered losses

which tend to indicate some negligence or unnecessary risk-taking on the part of lower unit commanders," De Villa said.

He did not elaborate. But this month, rebels launched two major attacks in the Bicol region, killing at least 18 government soldiers. The most recent attack was last Tuesday's raid on a geothermal plant of the Philippine

National Oil Company. Five soldiers were slain.

On Sept. 3, rebels ambushed a convoy of Army engineers in Quezon province, killing 13 of them.

De Villa also acknowledged command and control problems with the Citizens Armed Forces Geographical Units, a civilian militia deployed last year to augment security in rural areas.

Human rights groups, including Amnesty International, have accused the militias of abusing civilians.

"Improve your administrative and operational control over the CAGU," de Villa told the brigade commanders.

"The general headquarters' assessment committees, which have been visiting various field units, are basically un-

imous in their impressions that there are major problems and disfunctions affecting the CAGU which must be corrected."

President Corason Aquino's government organised the militia in July 1988 and deployed some 80,000 recruits last year. Up to 70,000 more will be sent around the country this year to help the military against insurgents.

Lankan troops seize weapons

India pulls out first battalion

COLOMBO, Sept. 24, (Agencies): The government today said it found a large cache of arms near the capital, triggering fears that, as the government prepares to begin a unilateral ceasefire, Sinhalese militants planned an assault on Colombo.

Elsewhere, at least 22 people died in fighting involving Sinhalese militants and government forces during the last 24 hours, a government statement said.

The Information Department said 11 Sinhalese were killed by Sinhalese extremists of the People's Liberation Front.

Troops and police shot and killed 11 suspected front militants, the statement said.

India pulled out the first battalion of its peacekeeping troops from Sri Lanka on Friday after an agreement was signed early this week to end the withdrawal dispute, government officials in Colombo said.

The officials wishing anonymity, said 600 Indian troops left from the northern port of Kankesanthurai, in the Jaffna penin-

sula, 300 kilometres from Colombo aboard an Indian vessel.

Friday's pullout was the first after both countries signed an agreement on Monday, under which India has agreed to pull out all of her 43,000 Indian peacekeeping force (IPKF) troops before December 31, this year.

A senior military official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the cache of guns, ammunition and detonators was discovered early today by troops during a routine search in an abandoned house at Angoda, 10 kilometres (seven miles) east of the capital. No arrests were made, the official said.

The arms were discovered 72 hours before the government plans to cease all military operations against Sinhalese extremists.

In a bid to curb violence that has claimed 16,000, President Ranasinghe Premadasa last week announced Sri Lankan troops would cease fire against Sinhalese militants for a 72-hour

period beginning on Wednesday.

Premadasa said the radicals could also surrender during the three-day ceasefire that will be monitored by an independent committee.

The government says more than 5,000 people have died in the 2-year-old campaign by the front, an ultranationalist guerrilla group advocating an armed overthrow of the government.

Sinhalese radicals oppose a government peace offer to militant Tamils waging an insurgency for an independent homeland in north and east Sri Lanka.

The government, in a peace accord brokered by India, offered the Tamils limited autonomy if they would give up their six-year-old campaign for a separate state.

Sinhalese militants claim the plan gave too many concessions to the Tamils, who are mostly Hindus and make up 18 per cent of Sri Lanka's 16 million people.

Mother Teresa's condition stabilises

CALCUTTA, Sept. 24, (Reuters): The condition of Nobel peace prize winner Mother Teresa stabilised today after two nights of chest pain, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported.

PTI quoted a medical bulletin issued at her Calcutta hospital as saying the 79-year-old Catholic nun had stopped suffering the pain which affected her on Friday and yesterday.

"She is still at complete rest and her cardiac state

continues to be closely monitored," the bulletin said.

Born of Albanian parents in Yugoslavia, Mother Teresa won the Nobel peace prize in 1979 for work in the slums of Calcutta.

The order which she started, the Missionaries of Charity, maintains more than 400 homes for the needy around the world.

Restriction imposed on activist

Mandela home wrecked

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 24, (AP): The luxurious home built for jailed black leader Nelson Mandela by his wife has been ransacked by thieves and vandals, newspapers reported today.

City Press, the country's largest-circulation newspaper for blacks, said tiles, ceilings and floors had been ripped away and plumbing fixtures had been removed. It estimated the cost of the damage at 100,000 rand (\$40,000).

The house in Soweto has stood unoccupied since its completion two years ago, when some black leaders suggested it would be inappropriate for Winnie Mandela to live in such luxury while most residents of the huge township lived in tiny, over-

crowded homes.

Mrs Mandela said she only intended to live in the house after her husband was freed. But there have been reports that Mandela, jailed since 1962, does not want to live in the house at all.

The house has about 15 rooms and cost an estimated 500,000 rand (\$200,000) to build. It was paid for by a group of black businessmen.

City Press said Mrs Mandela has initiated legal action against the police, blaming them for damaging doors and windows of the house during a raid two years ago. The newspaper said Mrs Mandela believe the subsequent theft and vandalism resulted from this initial damage.

Protest swim held in S. Africa

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 24, (Reuters): About 60 anti-apartheid protesters demanding an end to segregation at South African municipal facilities staged a multiracial swim protest at a Johannesburg whites-only pool today.

The demonstrators, including 20 blacks and several Indians and (mixed-race) coloureds, arrived at the Yeoville open-air pool carrying banners which read "Apartheid is a crime" and "The people shall swim."

They were admitted by pool staff while police watched from the sidelines. There were no incidents.

Once inside few of the demonstrators ventured into the 18 Celsius (64 Fahrenheit) water.

Today's swim protest was the latest tactic in a defiance campaign against apartheid laws which has swept the country in the last month.

A similar protest earlier this year at another Johannesburg pool ended in chaos when neo-fascists tried to block the entrance to non-whites.

Three people were reported hurt and more than 150 arrested on a day of protest marches and clashes between rival political groups that brought the South African capital to a standstill.

A huge police operation yesterday thwarted attempts by thousands of women to march on the union buildings, seat of the white minority government, to protest at President F. W. de Klerk's apartheid policies.

Witnesses said baton-wielding police beat women outside the government buildings and again when they took refuge in an office in the city centre.

Pretoria was also the scene yesterday of two rallies by separate neo-Nazi movements. Scuffles broke out between black onlookers and khaki-clad members of a white supremacist movement at one of the demonstrations.

Radio South Africa said a total of 154 people were arrested and three people hurt. Police said those arrested were released shortly afterwards following "preventative action" against the illegal rally.

Law and Order Minister Adrian Vlok, who was at the scene, said he was pleased with the police operation and promised to keep an open mind about future applications for protest marches.

The South African capital was like a city under siege during the police operation, with helicopters hovering overhead and squads of police cars, sirens blaring, racing past barricades of barbed wire.

Two Air Force officers were killed when their jet fighter crashed during a training flight, the Air Force chief said Friday.

Lt Gen J. P. Loggertsenberg said the Impulse Mark I aircraft crashed Thursday in a mountainous region near Sabie, in eastern Transvaal province.

Plan was dropped

Nixon to the rescue

LONDON, Sept. 24, (Kuna): A former CIA agent has confirmed that former US President Richard Nixon tried to organise a second rescue attempt for the American hostages in Iran, according to a report here today.

The Sunday Telegraph newspaper said that the plan followed the disastrous 1980 mission in which eight US soldiers died.

It quoted Miles Copeland, one of the authors of the State Department plan as saying "after the Desert One fiasco, we passed our plan, along with a detailed critique of the first raid, to President Nixon."

The plan, was prepared at the request of Cyrus Vance, the then US secretary of state, by a group of former CIA officers as an alternative to Delta Force's ill-fated raid.

Copeland said he had no doubt that the plan formed the basis of Nixon's approach for former officers from the British elite special force, the SAS, with a view to discuss with them the feasibility of a second mission three months after the Desert One fiasco, the paper added.

The plan envisaged using dissident Iranian military and police groups to carry out the rescue under the possible leadership of Farsi-speaking Western commanders.

Girl stripped

Sex case dropped for cash

MANILA, Sept. 24, (Reuters): A Philippine girl who accused a US sailor of photographing her tied to a bed after he forced her to strip naked has dropped a suit against him for a \$3,700 settlement and an apology, a court official said.

Prosecutor Sanchez Lomadilla said yesterday that 16-year-old Sharon Monzales signed an affidavit abandoning the case despite opposition from government lawyers.

Monzales had accused Don Draiza of acts of lasciviousness and illegal detention for allegedly forcing her to strip and taking pictures of her several times in 1988. Monzales had worked as Draiza's housemaid in Subic town, which hosts a US Navy base.

Earlier, an American court-martial acquitted Draiza but Philippine Justice Secretary Sedfrey Ordoñez ordered a local judge to pursue the case, saying the US military had no jurisdiction over it.

Manila newspapers said out of 103 cases of "crimes against chastity" filed against US sailors in Subic, all but one were dismissed after the girls accepted settlement money.

Philip raps IRA bombing

DEAL, England, Sept. 24, (AP): Prince Philip today condemned the killing of 10 Royal Marines musicians by an IRA bombing and the defence secretary said all military installations have been alerted to the risk of similar attacks.

The prince toured the Royal Marines School of Music in Deal, southeast England, severely damaged by Friday's bomb, and visited injured men in the hospital.

"It will not help the IRA win anything," said Philip, husband of Queen Elizabeth and captain general of the Royal Marines. "It is senseless. One simply wonders what sort of mentality can even contemplate such meaningless acts. It is appalling."

British military installations are a frequent target of the IRA in its campaign to end British rule in Northern Ireland and unite the predominantly Protestant province with the Roman Catholic republic of Ireland.

Defence Secretary Tom King said a number of steps have been taken to prevent other attacks. He would not give details, except to say an alert had been issued to all military installations.

King defended the use of private security firms hired to guard the Deal school and 29 other military installations in Britain. Local residents and grieving relatives have said security at Deal was too lax and should be turned back to the Marines, but King said the private firms would stay on.

"Private security guards can be a very useful additional assistance," King said on BBC radio. "They also help to reduce the amount of time soldiers have to spend on what is not the most enjoyable part of their activity."

Church services were held throughout the small port, with clergymen urging relatives and friends of the victims to pray for and forgive those who planted the bomb.

Police forensic and explosives experts continued to search a house that overlooked the destroyed barracks and had been rented by three men described as having Irish accents.

The British government has said that tighter security measures had been planned for the barracks.



Shackles no longer

An old man wearing traditional Ukrainian costume attends a demonstration in Kiev. The banner reads "Rehabilitation of the National Ukrainian Language." (Reuters wirephoto).

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Thatcher aggressive: Aggression lies behind British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's mastery of TV interviews, according to a study by two celebrated British psychologists.

Dr Peter Bull and Kate Meyer of the University of York, northern England, studied eight TV interviews given by Thatcher during the 1987 general election campaign in the UK.

They concluded that the British leader tried to make the interviewers appear aggressive while adopting aggressive tactics herself.

The interviewers were also put on the defensive so much that they felt obliged to justify and even apologise for their role, said the researchers. (Kuna)

MIA remains found: Prime Minister Hun Sen said today that remains of Americans missing in action in the Vietnam war had been found in Cambodia but the United States refused to discuss the matter with his government.

In response to a question at a news conference on the withdrawal of Vietnamese troops from Cambodia, Hun Sen said his government had undertaken searches for the nearly 80 Americans listed as missing in action in Cambodia.

He said some remains had been located but when he publicly announced the discovery last year, the United States appeared to show no interest. (UPI)

54 injured in quake: An earthquake that slammed southwest China's Sichuan province injured 54 people and destroyed 4,269 houses, but there were no reported deaths, the official Xinhua news agency said yesterday.

The report said the Friday morning quake killed 300 animals but that casualties were relatively light because the tremor hit when most people were outdoors in the fields and not inside homes that collapsed.

Eight of those injured were in serious condition, the report said. The quake, measuring 6.3 on the Richter scale, rocked a 60-square kilometre (24-square mile) region in central Sichuan's Xiaojin county. (AP)

Polish cardinal confirms: The Vatican has opened the way to building a new home for nuns whose presence at Auschwitz stirred an international controversy, a Roman Catholic archbishop announced today.

Cardinal Franciszek Macharski of Krakow, who on Aug. 8 suspended plans to build a prayer centre for the Carmelite nuns now living next to the concentration camp where thousands of Jews died during World War II, made the announcement in a statement to the official PAP news agency.

The Vatican on Tuesday clearly backed moving the convent, a decision that was being resisted by Macharski and Polish Primate Cardinal Jozef Glemp. (AP)



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YORBA LINDA, California: The birthday of former president Richard Nixon is now an official day of rest for municipal workers in the city of his birth.

The city council has voted unanimously to make Jan 9 a holiday for about 100 employees in the city 30 miles (48 kms) from Los Angeles.

"We're not here to judge history, we're here to recognize it," said Mayor Henry Welch.

Nixon, born in a Yorba Linda farmhouse in 1913, said, "My pleasure with the honour, Welch reported. (AP)

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey: Singer-actress Leslie Kuxia says she is tired of playing mothers on television and film and fears that she is being typecast.

The 49-year-old Kuxia, appearing at a casino this weekend, received a New York drama critic's Golden Globe award in 1982 for her Jewish mother role in the film *My Favorite Year*. In 1987, she was nominated for Emmy for playing the mother of comedian Howie Mandel on the television show "St Elmo."

"And last year, she was in 'Beaches', playing the mother of Beau Bridges," she said. "I have to turn a lot of stuff down, and it's really getting me down," Ms Kuxia said. "I really don't want to play another Jewish mother even though I do it well."

"Now I want to do mature leading roles," Kuxia said. (AP)

COLBERT, Georgia: Woody Harrelson plays a bartender on the television comedy series "Cheers" but he might have a future playing golf.

Harrelson sank a 6-foot (2-metre) putt under coaching from teammate and pro golfer Tim Simpson during the second annual Kenny Rogers classic weekend sports competition. Sunday's crucial stroke gave him the lead in the championship.

"The single most exciting event in my entire life," Harrelson said after his putt and a congratulatory lift from another team-mate Michael Jordan, a star with the Chicago Bulls of the National Basketball Association.

Other athletes in the event included Dominique Wilkins of the NBA's Atlanta Hawks and tennis pro Jimmy Connors. (AP)

VIRGINIA BEACH, Virginia: Television correspondent Barbara Walters says women cannot have it all — career, marriage and children — and she pointed to herself as an example.

"You can have a great marriage and great children, great marriage and great career, great career and great children. But I think it is so hard to have a great marriage, a great career, not a job but a career — and great children," Ms Walters told a conference of Virginia women.

She advised the 2,100 women in the audience not to feel guilty if they have trouble meeting the demands of career and family, and admitted it has not been easy for her.

"I have been divorced, I have a daughter who, thank God, is 21 and out of her adolescence," said the 57-year-old ABC television correspondent and star of the "20-20" show.

Ms Walters advised the women to have a life beyond getting up in the morning and going to work, "although that can be pretty wonderful and interesting." (AP)

NASHVILLE, Tennessee: Delfia Walleada says she is proud to carry on the family circus tradition, performing on the high wire, but she is not sure her children ought to follow in her ever-so-careful footsteps.

"I'm torn," the sixth-generation high-wire artist said between performances at the Tennessee state fair. "I would like of them to carry on the tradition, but there is a lot of heartache in the circus. The circus is not doing well. There's too much other entertainment available."

Ms Walleada and her husband and high-wire partner, Terry Trotter, have a daughter, Lijana, 12, and son, Nikolas, 10. (AP)

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oklahoma: A woman who gave birth at the same time on the same date this year and last said Mercy Hospital will have to do without her next Sept 16.

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MT ETNA, Sicily: Sept 24 (AP): Mount Etna rumbled yesterday and smoke and ash billowed from its craters, but officials said it posed no immediate danger to nearby towns.

The Italian news agency AGI said Europe's most active volcano spilled lava from its south-east crater on Friday night, but the flow halted in a desert-like valley on Etna's slopes, some 2,650 metres (8,700 feet) above sea level.

The peak continued to rumble last morning and coughed up glowing matter. Seismographs at the International Volcanology Institute in Catania reported tremors caused by movements inside the mountain.

Although the volcano currently poses no danger to surrounding areas, flights to and from Catania have been rerouted around Etna because of recent volcanic activity, and tourists have been forbidden to enter some slopes.

Natives and tourists alike enjoyed the fireworks offered by one of Sicily's major tourist attractions.

"It's spectacular. A lot of molten ash has poured out," said Salvo Pennisi of La Sicilia newspaper.



Kicking the last leg

Debbie Reynolds, currently appearing in a revival of "The Unsinkable Molly Brown," says talent and drive can keep an entertainer working forever. But when this tour ends, she says, so will her dancing.

"I'm kicking my last leg," Miss Reynolds, 57, said in a recent interview. She does jigs, flaps and dances atop a high bar in the current production of "Molly Brown."

"I wanted to go out dancing the kind of dancing I began with in 'Singin' in the Rain,'" she said. "That was great dancing. And 'Molly Brown' is great dancing."

Miss Reynolds received an Oscar nomination for her title role in the 1964 movie version of "Molly Brown," but this is the first time she has appeared in the original stage version.

"I wonder why I wanted to work this hard. I have questions about my sanity," she joked. But she said the work keeps her happy. (AP)

SEVERNA PARK, Maryland: Five sweltering days pinned inside a cat spring on a moving truck turned the once-a-lot Pippin the cat into a caddy pet.

The cat, owned by Sandy Zywicka and her husband, Richard, was found with her paws stuck in the springs after the couple's belongings arrived from their new place in Severna Park.

The cat had been missed, but checks of her favourite spots failed to turn her up. She was pulled from the truck on Aug 22 to the applause of moving men.

"She's very standoffish, and that's what got her into trouble," Mrs Zywicka said. "She just never was a friendly cat."

But that was before Pippin's "feline" switch left her tied but healthy after a brief recovery. Now she cuddles and rubs against her owners.

"She would have never done this before," Mrs Zywicka said. (AP)

MOSCOW, Idaho: An appetite suppressant for mosquitoes could be an answer to that summertime scourge, but one challenge still remaining is getting the substance out of the lab and into female mosquitoes.

"Right now, you'd have to inject each mosquito with a little syringe," said University of Idaho entomologist Marc Klowden.

Female mosquitoes — the ones that do the buzzing and biting — need protein in human and animal blood to produce eggs. Klowden, in 13 years of study, has found that females stop feeding once they have a bellyful of blood. (AP)

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Pope greets Mafiosi

Pope John Paul II yesterday visited a maximum security prison for Mafia criminals, blessing the inmates and urging them to break free from their "moral chains."

The pope, who is on a three-day tour of Sicily, said he was a "brother among brothers" with the 150 convicts housed in the 15th century fortress prison that sits atop this medieval hill town.

Known as the Forzezza (fort), the prison was a castle begun by Walter de Brienne, Duke of Athens, in 1349 and completed by Lorenzo (Reuter wirephoto).

US, Bolivia share top prize at film festival

SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain, Sept 24 (AP): Soviet-born director Andrei Konchalovski's "Homer and Eddie" shared top honours at the 39th San Sebastian International Film Festival, the jury here announced yesterday.

The jury awarded the Gold Shell for best film to the US production and to "La Nacion Clandestina" ("The Clandestine Nation") by Bolivian director Jorge Sanjines.

Sanjines told reporters the award would "help form a positive image of my country at a time when, according to US newspapers, all Bolivians are drug

PITTSBURGH: American musicians are heading together to give music, instruments and musical supplies to people in Poland.

Pittsburgh symphony orchestra conductor Lavin Marned said.

"Music has always been a way to bring people together in peace and harmony, and we hope that our gift will send a message of friendship and support to our brothers and sisters in Poland," Marned, the United Nations ambassador of goodwill, said from New York. (AP)

DETROIT: David Ruffin, former lead singer for the group Temptations, is asking to enter a drug-treatment centre rather than go to jail for violating probation on a drug charge.

"He recognised the benefits... it beats jail," Ruffin's attorney, Jeff Collins, said in a court hearing. "Any jail period, even five minutes, would be unjust. He needs help, not jail."

Collins said Ruffin, who had previously denied having a drug problem, asked Judge John O'Brien to order him into a treatment programme. O'Brien continued the hearing until next week. (AP)

RELLEVILLE, Illinois: Most foreign visitors go sight-seeing, checking out things like the Great Canyon or historical sites. But Andre Bojersson is filling his time looking inside chimneys.

Bojersson, 24, is a chimney sweep, touring the United States for the Swedish Chimney Sweep Guild to learn more about his profession and to share Swedish techniques and tools.

"I'm like a spy here, trying to see what we can learn," he joked. "We've learned a lot more from this visit than the Swedes have learned from us," Maine said. (AP)

ATLANTA: Health officials are investigating sales of a dangerous drug compound in Texas under the name "The Miracle Herb."

Texas health officials last year found "Chufong Tokwan," a drug compound made in Hong Kong, for sale in pill form, said the Centers for Disease Control.

Chufong Tokwan first appeared in the United States in 1974 and was banned by the Food and Drug Administration in 1978.

The product contains several drugs, as well as lead and cadmium, which can cause kidney problems, the CDC said. The drugs found in Texas usually were repackaged and labelled "The Miracle Herb," mother nature's finest. (AP)

DALLAS: Nate "The Kitchen" Newton of professional football's Dallas Cowboys has declared: I need 20,000 pounds (9,072 kgs) of food.

But the food is not for the huge offensive guard, who weighs 318 pounds (144 kgs) and was fined several times at training camp for being overweight.

Newton is a local spokesman for a world hunger day for drive Oct 15 and is asking Cowboys fans to bring donations to Texas Stadium.

Newton says he grew up in a family where food was sometimes in short supply. Food collected during the drive will be given to area food banks. (AP)

VENTURA, California: It's a bug-out-bug world for Jack and Jake Blahs.

The father and son breed good insects to eat bad insects at Rincon Vista, one of 15 "insectaria" in the United States. Every day, Rincon produces more than 80 million vicious critters, farm ladybugs to wasps.

Business has tripled in the past five years as farmers concerned about pesticides turn to natural options.

Sales from the 15 insectaria total \$25 million a year, the Blahs say. Most insects are sold to cotton and vegetable growers, plus backyard farmers.

"This is the future," said Ken Hagen, an entomologist at the University of California, Berkeley. "There is a great need. The farmers are desperate." (AP)

Race on to decipher genetic code of life

NEW YORK, Sept 24 (Reuters): A squat, grey box will be the workhorse of a 15-year, \$3 billion project to unravel the entire genetic makeup of human beings — a task described as biology's equivalent of landing a man on the moon.

It's called a gene machine.

In the past few years gene machines have revolutionised the arduous task of deciphering the exact genetic sequence of DNA, molecules of which carry the genetic information necessary for the organisation and function of most living cells and control hereditary characteristics.

Gene machines are playing an indispensable role in the vast and ambitious Genome Project, a US government plan to map out the human genetic code that is being organised by the National Institute of Health (NIH).

The NIH were given \$28 million to begin the project earlier this year and the Bush

administration has asked Congress for \$100 million in 1990.

Part of the project will concentrate on gene sequencing, in which more than \$1 billion will be spent on defining the structure of all of the estimated 50,000 to 100,000 genes that collectively define human beings.

The other part of the project, gene mapping, will locate the genes along the network of the 46 chromosomes contained in every cell of the human body.

Once the map is known and each network defined, scientists will have a powerful aid to help prevent and treat more than 4,000 diseases caused by genetic defects.

Mapped

Less than 2,000 genes have so far been mapped, and the entire catalogue will take at least 15 years to complete, scientists say. It is an enormous project that will gen-

erate a data base that scientists can use for centuries.

Researchers are developing ever more sophisticated machines that will speed the mapping and analysis of genes.

In the last decade, great strides have been made to automate the analysis of genes, which are comprised of four chemicals known as bases. Each sequence of base pairs spells out the message carried by the gene, such as the colour of someone's hair or eyes.

It is a vast catalogue. In the human species, there are some three billion base pairs and many redundant sequences, as well as many that are not yet understood.

Some DNA pieces that now appear useless may one day prove priceless and cannot be discarded.

Gene machines produce the four chemical base sequences of shippets of DNA. In the early 1980s, it took two to

three days to decipher a typical 400-base sequence of a piece of DNA, said biotechnology analyst Stuart Weisbrod.

Today up to 16 pieces of DNA can be 'read' at one time in one day, with each piece yielding up to 400 bases.

But the amount of time it takes for the machine to read the sequences, which appear in four-colour, computer-generated bar graphs — one colour for each base — is still far too long and too expensive for something as big as the Genome Project.

Speed

"Given the present technology, the Genome Project isn't practical," said John Mulvihill, who heads the NIH's medical genetics programme.

Researchers say the speed of gene sequencing will have to improve by as much as ten-fold to make the project workable.

US age an edge over rivals

WASHINGTON, Sept 24 (UPI): The United States will enjoy economic benefits over West Germany and Japan as its population ages more slowly in coming decades than the populations of its industrial rivals, the International Monetary Fund said.

The IMF also warned Americans to start saving more in preparation for the day when accumulated resources will be insufficient to finance both production and a growing demand for social services. Such a shortfall could lead to higher taxes and higher interest rates.

In its world economic outlook, released yesterday, the IMF for the first time examined the economic implications of the changing demographic among industrial powers.

In aging West Germany, the 'dependency ratio' — the proportion of population aged 0-14 and over 65 to the population aged 15-64, or those who work and those who do not — will rise from 44 per cent in 1990 to 51 per cent in 2005 and to 54 per cent in 2020.

In Japan the dependency ratio will rise from 48 per cent in 1990 to 50 per cent in 2005 and to 59 per cent in 2020, the highest among the industrial powers at that date.

In the United States, slow but continuous population growth will drop the dependency ratio from 52 per cent in 1990 — one of the highest among the industrial nations and due to a larger proportion of young people — to 47 per cent in 2005, before rising to 55 per cent in 2020.

The IMF said that the presence of a large proportion of young people will boost the dependency ratio in the United States, while in other industrial countries the rise will be fuelled primarily by a growing elderly population.

The difference in the timing in which the populations age will benefit the United States more than Japan and West Germany, the IMF said.

In the United States savings will increase for a while as a greater proportion of the population works and saves, while consumption and investments — and therefore imports — will fall, improving the balance of payments.

In Japan and West Germany, as the proportion of those who work falls, savings will drop and consumption will increase, leading to a reduction in their balance of payments surpluses.

The cumulative impact of the changes in balance of payments will be large and beneficial for the United States, the IMF noted.

By 2020, the net foreign liabilities of the United States, now the world's largest debtor, would be cut by 19 per cent of the gross national product. The net asset positions of Japan, now the world's largest creditor, and West Germany would be cut by 21 per cent and 18 per cent respectively.

The fund said that changes in the dependency ratio will increase the demand for social services and decrease the amount of savings, since the share of those working and saving in the total population will be smaller.

Lower savings will result in higher interest rates that will depress investments, leading to lower output, a situation viewed with alarm by the IMF since it will occur when the demand for social services will be rising.



A suspected hostage-taker is pushed into a car in Drouche. (Reuter wirephoto)

Kidnapper committed suicide

Belgium prosecutor changes police version

LIEGE, Belgium, Sept 24 (AP): A man sought in France for a string of holdups and prison escapes committed suicide yesterday during a shootout with police that occurred after he released three hostages, police said.

Police first reported they killed Philippe Delaire, 28, of France and seriously wounded one of his Belgian accomplices, Tony Wagemans, 31, during the shootout in an apartment building. But prosecutor Anne Bourguignon later told reporters that Delaire killed himself during the confrontation.

A third gunman, Belgian Edouard Delecki, 36, was arrested unharmed. The shootout ended a standoff that began on Sept 16 when the three men kidnapped a

bank manager, his wife and their two daughters in their home in Tilff, a residential southern suburb of Liege.

The banker escaped and alerted police, who surrounded the villa.

After a week of negotiations with policemen, the three gunmen agreed to release their hostages for a ransom of \$750,000 and a Mercedes-Benz.

They released the two girls, Gaëlle, 10, and Francoise, 12, on Friday and drove away with the mother, whom they later freed on the road towards Holland.

Two police helicopters chased the men, and all main roads and border crossings were guarded. Sporting policemen at the border, the three men drove back to a 28-storey apart-

ment building in Liege, where the shootout occurred.

Police said Delaire shot first and was killed by a bullet in the head. The wounds of Wagemans were not described.

Delaire, who was born in northern France, had a brief but wild criminal career there, police said.

Jailed for holdups, he escaped for the first time from a prison in Lille, France, in 1985. He committed other holdups in France and Belgium, many in the Liege area, taking hostages to cover his escape. Arrested several times in France and Belgium, he escaped again and again. Last year, he forced a helicopter pilot to free a friend from a prison in Nice, southern France.

Chances of mechanical failure Flight 5050 probe on

Driver keeps mum

NEW YORK, Sept 24 (AP): An investigation into the crash of a USair jetliner is now focusing on the possibility of mechanical failure, although officials said a rookie co-pilot had punched the wrong cockpit button moments before the aircraft plunged into New York's East River.

Flight 5050 crashed late Wednesday night when takeoff of the 737 jetliner was aborted. Two people died and 59 others were rescued. The flight had been headed to Charlotte, North Carolina.

National Transportation Safety Board spokesman Ted Lopatkevich said investigators continued to remove pieces of the plane's fuselage from the water off a runway at La Guardia airport yesterday.

He said the parts will be examined to determine if there were any mechanical problems in addition to the pilot error.

Speaking of the co-pilot's mistake, Lopatkevich said, "it may turn out that was unrelated to what happened."

Another factor under investigation was the plane's unexplained veer to the left, said acting National Transportation Safety Board chairman James

ALTON, Texas, Sept 24 (AP): The driver of a truck that collided with a school bus and knocked it into a water-filled pit refused yesterday to answer questions about the accident that killed 20 teenagers, an accident investigator said.

Also yesterday, Lee Dickinson of the National Transportation Safety Board said an examination of the truck's braking system found "the brakes did work." The truck driver had told police after Thursday's accident that the brakes failed.

On the advice of his attorneys, Ruben Perez, 25, chose not to talk to NTSB board members who are investigating the accident that injured at least 63 others, Dickinson said. Perez' refusal will not hinder the federal probe, he added.

An examination of the brakes found they were working, he said, but added that they were not perfectly adjusted. The truck passed state inspection last month, Dickinson said.

There were 81 aboard the bus when the accident occurred and the vehicle had a capacity of 83, Dickinson said.

Investigators planned today to question the driver of the bus, Gilberto Pena, who was in stable condition last night at Mission General Hospital, said hospital spokeswoman Estrella Alvarez.

One student still was listed in critical condition in the hospital's intensive care unit yesterday.

Kolstad at a news conference last night.

He said investigations found marks on the runway that showed the plane's three sets of wheels had skidded down the runway.

The flight's pilot and co-pilot had their flight licenses suspended for leaving the accident scene

Rushdie's novel in paperback

LONDON, Sept 24 (AP): A paperback edition of "The Satanic Verses," which triggered Muslim protests world-wide and brought a death sentence against its author Salman Rushdie, will likely go on sale this winter, a British newspaper reported.

More than 1 million hardback copies of the novel, published a year ago this week, have been sold, but Viking Penguin has yet to bring out a paperback edition.

Ayatollah Khomeini, the Iranian spiritual leader who died in June, had declared the novel blasphemous to Islam and issued a death sentence on Feb 14 against the Indian-born British writer and his publishers.

Rushdie, 42, has since been living in hiding in British intelligence safe houses.

The weekly Observer, which publishes occasional book reviews by Rushdie, said Viking Penguin told him last week after months of negotiations that a paperback edition will be published by a specific date in 1990.

The date is being kept secret for security reasons but the paperback edition is expected to go on sale this winter, the newspaper said.

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Ruling in 'embryos' case based on facts, critics told

MARYVILLE, Tennessee, Sept 24 (UPI): A judge who ruled life begins at conception and awarded seven frozen embryos to a barren woman in a landmark custody battle said he based his decision on the facts in the case and his personal feelings played no part in his ruling.

Critics said Blount county circuit judge W. Dale Young missed the mark in his ruling, not so much by ruling in favour of Mary Sue Davis instead of her husband, Junior Davis, but in deciding that life begins at conception.

"Ruling for the woman on the grounds that he did open a Pandora's box of possible legal and

ethical issues," said John Robertson, a University of Texas law professor and member of the American Fertility Society's ethics committee.

But Young said his ruling was based on the facts presented in the case, and moral, religious and ethical questions did not enter into his consideration.

"The court cannot be guided by pro-life or pro-choice stances in a case such as this," Young said. "The facts in the case, and the testimony of several very knowledgeable witnesses led the court to its decision."

Young awarded temporary custody of the seven embryos to Mary Davis, 29 and childless, for their implantation. She argued during the trial the embryos may represent her last chance to become pregnant.

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Hunted family flee to Spain

GUATEMALA CITY, Sept. 24, (AP): The frightened family of a missing human rights activist fled the country yesterday after nearly six weeks in the care of the Red Cross.

The activist, 23-year-old Maria Rumalida Camey, was abducted Aug. 15 by gunmen who burst into her modest home in Guatemala's Esquintla province before dawn.

"I heard the shots and screams. It was her — kidnapped," said her husband, Jose Gonzalo Camey, in an interview last week in a Red Cross shelter where the family had taken refuge.

Maria is the fourth person in the family who had "disappeared" in the past 10 months. The bodies of the other three turned up on roadsides.

Camey doesn't believe Maria survived her abduction.

The 23-year-old husband, the woman's two infants, her brother and his family left for Madrid yesterday under the diplomatic protection of Spanish Ambassador Juan Pablo Delaiglesia.

They were following six other relatives who were granted political asylum by Spain last week.

"It is incredible how this family has been persecuted," said Angel Alfredo Figueroa, the deputy federal attorney-general for human rights.

Under the right wing military rule of the early 1980s, tens of thousands of Guatemalans had died or disappeared, including Jose's father.

Human rights groups estimate that 40,000 people have been killed by right wing death squads. Many of the death squads are suspected of links with the Army or other security forces.

Tens of thousands of others, like both Jose and Maria's families, were displaced, fleeing the military's campaign against leftist guerrillas roaming the countryside.

With the advent of civilian rule three years ago, human rights abuses began to subside. People like Jose and Maria allowed themselves dreams of a normal life.

"Maria and I didn't want to think about the violence," Camey said. "I thought for our life together, of striving for our children, of working. And she, the same."

But in the past two months there has been a surge of killings and bombings. Bodies have been found along the roads, their hands cut off. Fear has returned.

"In a country where part of the population can't be sure it will see the next day and fears for their lives, the human rights situation is very grave and worrisome," said Peter Kooijmans, a staffer with the UN Commission on Human Rights, who was visiting Guatemala last week.

Human rights workers blame the violence on right wing extremists who believe President Vinicio Cerezo's rule is too liberal. Cerezo, who had survived two coup attempts, had denied any security forces are involved in the current violence.

Duarte's condition improves

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador, Sept. 24, (AP): Jose Napoleon Duarte slept well, breathing without difficulty, and rose without assistance yesterday from what earlier this week seemed certain to be his death bed.

Fidelina Menjivar, a nurse attending to the former president, said in a telephone interview this morning that Duarte's condition remains stable, slightly improved from the previous night.

Dr. Jose Luis Saca, the former president's personal physician, reported on Friday that Duarte had made a dramatic and surprising recovery from a bout with pneumonia that very nearly killed him.

Miss Menjivar said X-rays taken last night showed that antibiotics were steadily shrinking the spot of pneumonia doctors had discovered in Duarte's right lung. The infection provoked a crisis that three times between Tuesday and Wednesday carried the cancer-ravaged Duarte to the verge of death from asphyxiation.

"The threat of imminent death has disappeared," Saca told the AP late Friday. "That man is some kind of human being than yourself or myself."

Judges demand more protection

Strike threat; blasts in Bogota

BOGOTA, Sept. 24, (AP): Colombia's 4,600 judges threatened today to go on strike if they don't get more protection against death threats from drug barons.

Also today, the son of a crusading newspaper editor who was killed by drug traffickers accused Colombia's Congress of being cowardly and corrupt in the government's fight against the powerful cocaine cartels.

Residents of the capital endured another night of bombings as dynamite exploded in a theatre, a city bus company's garage and at a neighbourhood headquarters of the governing Liberal Party later yesterday.

The three bombs injured two people, national police told the Associated Press.

Since the government declared war on drug traffickers just over a month ago, 103 bombs have killed six people and wounded 130.

Colombia's judges said today through their union, the National Association of Judicial Workers, that there must be immediate attention to the danger they face or they will go on strike within a week.

In the last 10 years, 220 judicial workers, including about 50 judges, have been murdered, many by drug traffickers.

The union said in a communiqué that union officials would meet tomorrow with Acting Justice Minister Carlos Lemos Simmonds and a strike would be called unless action was taken to protect the judges.

Monica de Greiff, who resigned as justice minister last week after being threatened by drug traffickers, got promises in Washington earlier this month of \$19 million in aid and equipment to protect Colombian judges.

The judges' union said it has been told nothing about the US aid for protection.

The judges make about \$400 a month, which many have said forces them to take the bus to work in this country where a compact car costs \$20,000.

The union's communiqué referred to previous demands, which have included higher salaries, bullet-resistant cars, bullet-resistant vests, guards with metal detectors at their offices and other security measures.

The anti-drug crusading newspaper El Espectador, in a column by its editor, Juan Guillermo Cano, accused Colombia's Congress of being cowardly and corrupt.

Colombian newspapers have reported that 25 Colombian congressmen have been denied visas to the United States because of links to drug traffickers.

The US embassy has denied comment, but the report has caused a furor in Colombia's legislature.

Colombia's Army said today it had captured a suspected drug trafficker, Carlos Gomez Zapata, wanted by the United States for extradition.

The Army, in a communiqué, said Gomez Zapata has been wanted on drug trafficking charges in Florida since 1985. He is not on the US Justice Department's list of the 12 most-wanted Colombian drug trafficking suspects.

Meanwhile, four men have been arrested and confessed to the assassination of a leading presidential hopeful that preceded the war waged against the government by the nation's cocaine cartels, authorities said.

After the assassination six days earlier of leading presidential hopeful Sen. Luis Carlos Galan Sarmiento prompted the government to institute a state of siege against the cartels.

Ramon Nieves Sucategi, commander of the military brigades trained in the war against guerrillas and drug traffickers, announced yesterday that four men were arrested in the Galan killing and would go before a judge to determine whether they should be held for trial.

Narcotics agents have broken up a heroin-trafficking ring involving Iranians and Spaniards, seizing three kilograms (6.6 pounds) of heroin and a large sum of cash, a Madrid police spokesman yesterday.

A passenger on a ferry from Lebanon was arrested after Cyprus customs officers found two kilograms, or 4.4 pounds, of pure heroin in his possession, police reported today.

A police statement said it was in the possession of a man carrying an Algerian passport identifying him as Ahmed Ali Redjili.

Pope John Paul II called yesterday for increased national and international efforts to fight the drug trade and said addicts should be treated with compassion.

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Escobar is godsend to many

Colombian crackdown echoes in Peru

Drug dollar flow drops

MEDELLIN, Colombia, Sept. 24, (AP): Five years ago, Fabio Gil lived in a cardboard shack at a city dump. Today, Gil and his family share a two-bedroom home atop a mountain overlooking scenic Medellin.

"These guys came to the dump one day. We didn't know who they were. One of them said 'I am Pablo Escobar. I'm going to help you,'" said Gil, sitting on a red plastic couch in his red brick home in the Barrio, or neighbourhood, named after Escobar, a reputed top cocaine trafficker.

"He told us 'I bought this land for you.' He built us houses and he said it was for us, to live decently in society," said Gil, 43, who often works in construction.

"But he advised us not to get involved in crime, not to steal, not to become drug addicts."

That is how Gil and 5,000 other people were helped by the man reputed to be richest, most wanted and most violent to Colombia's powerful drug barons. Escobar, believed to be 41, is said to be No. 1 in the Medellin drug cartel, which supplies a vast amount of cocaine sold on US streets.

Although modest, the 500 brick homes built in rows on a mountain above the sprawling metropolis of Medellin, the cocaine capital of the world, are solid and neat. They are adorned

with roses, statues of the Virgin Mary and posters of white shirts and nude women.

Two or three families share one house. The homes each have two bedrooms, a living room, bathroom, kitchen and patio. In many, there are TV sets, stereos, refrigerators and even washing machines.

It's a long way from the flies and the smell of the municipal dump where thousands in makeshift homes survive by scavenging other people's garbage.

"We lived in such subhuman conditions," Gil said. "And then this person comes along and helps us. Well, of course we're going to be grateful."

In the neighbourhood of La Milagrosa (Spanish for the Miraculous One), nestled beneath the Barrio Escobar, many more are grateful.

Escobar is credited with providing that suburb with electricity, drinking water, traffic lights, a soccer field and a sports centre.

LIMA, Sept. 24, (AP): Colombia's crackdown on its cocaine cartels is reverberating the streets in Lima. A sudden shortage of drug money has sparked wild speculation in dollars.

In the month since, Colombia declared "total war" against drug traffickers, visits by Colombian narcotics smugglers to Peru's upper Huallaga river valley, source of most of the world's coca leaf, have dropped off 80 per cent, according to analysts here.

The illegal trade is believed to bring at least \$1 billion a year into Peru's dollar-starved economy, most of it via the northeastern highland jungles where 60,000 peasant families grow the world's best-quality coca.

Colombian traffickers fly into remote airstrips scattered through the region and pay dollars in cash for coca paste, which they refine into cocaine.

The drug dollars then come in chartered planes and trucks over the high Andes, which separate the jungle from the coast, and are traded for Peruvian intis on Lima's bustling black market.

But now the dollars aren't flowing as they did.

"The number of planes carrying dollars from the jungle has dropped from about 15 a week to three," said economist Alberto Grana, director of the magazine Actualidad Economica.

Some have been quick to try to exploit the dollar shortage.

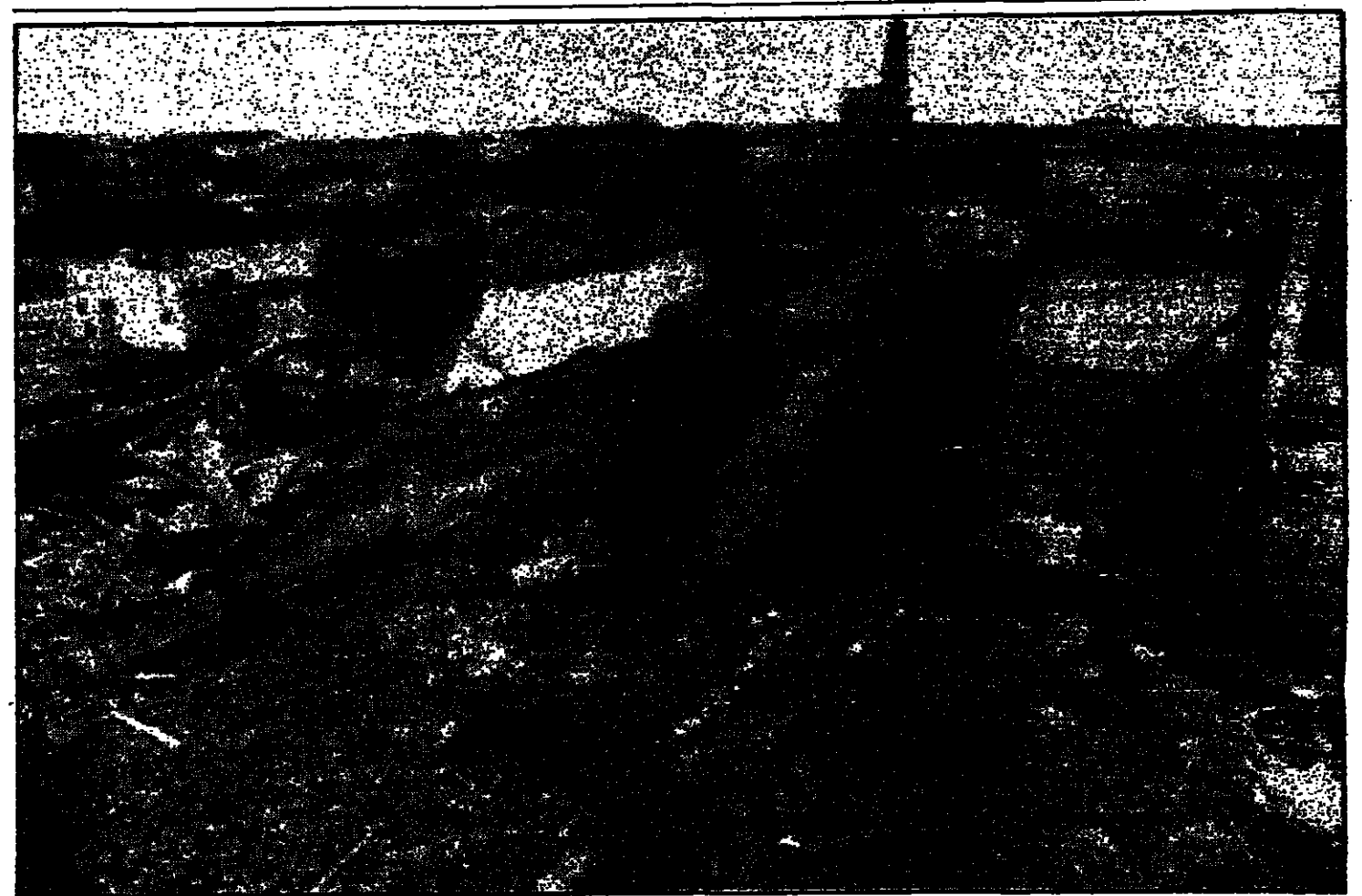
In a third-floor apartment in the plush suburb of San Isidro, Roberto, owner of an "underground" money-exchange house, is juggling two telephones trying to line up a deal for \$30,000.

Since Aug. 19, the unofficial exchange rate at which most dollars are sold and bought has shot from 3,300 intis to the dollar to \$3,900, a rise that nearly everyone attributes to the scarcity of US currency.

The drug money's power over the past few years can be seen in the growth of black-market trading, which has effectively turned Peru's feeble economy into one based on dollars.

Wielding pocket calculators and wads of bills, eager curbside money changers can be seen throughout the capital as they haggle with customers to make a deal. In just two years, their numbers have jumped from 300 to more than 3,000.

But political leaders frequently express concern that Peru's economy has been weakened by years of "narco-dependence."



Storekeepers, top right, survey the extensive damage caused by hurricane Hugo. (Reuter wirephoto)

Massive relief efforts launched

Scramble for water in Hugo's wake

CHARLESTON, South Carolina, Sept. 24, (Reuter): Massive relief efforts have been mobilised to help this southern US city recover from the killer hurricane Hugo, which caused more than a billion dollars worth of damage.

The American Red Cross launched a nation-wide appeal yesterday for the most costly disaster-relief drive in its 108-year history, comparing the destruction in South Carolina's coastal region with some Third World disasters.

"Thousands of people (were) lining up for food and gas (petrol)," Red Cross official Barbara Lohman said.

Charleston resident Earl Habersham said: "It's as close to a nuclear bomb attack as you'll ever see."

Charleston's mayor, Joseph Riley, said the damage in his county would probably exceed \$1 billion and some insurers said the cost could be three times as high when other devastated communities were added in.

These figures dwarf the \$27 million worth of damage caused in 1954 by hurricane Hazel, which killed 22 people.

Hugo was responsible for nearly 50 deaths in the United States and the Caribbean before it finally broke up yesterday over Canada's St. Lawrence seaway.

It displaced tens of thousands of people in South and North Carolina and ripped electricity lines away from more than a million residents.

Hundreds of troops were on duty in Charleston for a second night to enforce an anti-looting curfew and martial law was declared on the Isle of Palms, a rich island community that was among the worst hit.

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Interior Secretary Manuel Lujan and a group of US congressmen arrived yesterday in Puerto Rico for a two-day fact-finding trip to Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands.

Officials say Hugo caused at least 27 deaths and billions of dollars in damage in Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and other islands of the eastern Caribbean before hitting the US coast on Thursday.

President George Bush has declared both Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands disaster areas. In addition, 1,200 military police and other troops were dispatched to St. Croix in the Virgin Islands to halt widespread looting.

Officials in the Virgin Islands complained that the Bush administration was more interested in deploying troops than in lifting relief supplies to the stricken US territory.

At a news conference here yesterday, US Rep. George Miller, who headed the congressional fact-finding team, was asked why federal assistance did not start arriving in the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico until four or five days after the storm.

"That is one of the reasons we are here," Miller said.

In Washington, the Defence Department said the islands had already received relief aid including 100,000 Army field rations, 15,000 cots, four electrical generators with operating crews and medical personnel from the 109th evacuation hospital of the Alabama Army National Guard.

It said more nonperishable food and plastic sheeting for home repairs would also be sent.

The Defence Department reported the navy ship Pensacola had arrived at St. Croix and was producing 28,600 gallons of water per day. It said truck-mounted water purification units were being set up in Puerto Rico to provide about 270,000 gallons of fresh water daily.

Virgin Islands Lt. Gov. Derek Hodge said the territory was receiving large amounts of aid, but distribution of the supplies was disorganised.

He said he expected the mainland military troops to remain another week or so.

Puerto Rico was returning to normal, despite millions of dollars in damage, particularly in the eastern part of the island.

In the capital of San Juan, roads were cleared and supermarkets and some restaurants were open. But two-thirds of the city of 1.1 million people still had no running water yesterday, and one-quarter had no electricity, utility officials said.

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The offices of Agence-France Presse and United Press International in downtown Lima were both taken over at about 11:00 am (1600 GMT) by members of the pro-Cuban Tupac Amaru revolutionary movement (MRTA).

Nobody was injured in either incident.

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Fresh air — fresh initiatives



Shevardnadze laughs at a question shouted at him. (Reuter wirephoto)



Baker and Shevardnadze hold a working lunch with their staffs on a rise overlooking the Grand Tetons and Jackson Lake yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)



Baker and Shevardnadze walk (right) through the woods of Grand Teton National Park during a break in their meeting and shake hands after signing the accords. (Reuter wirephotos)

Agreements signed

Accord on chemical weapons

JACKSON HOLE, Wyoming, Sept. 24, (AP): The United States and the Soviet Union have signed a half-dozen accords and cleared a major roadblock to a long-range nuclear weapons treaty, then capped the day with the announcement that a super-power summit will be held in 1990.

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, who spent the weekend in talks with Secretary of State James Baker, said that the summit between US President George Bush and Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev would be held in spring or early summer.

Shevardnadze also announced a key concession from Moscow to move ahead toward a long-range weapons agreement despite its objections to the United States' Strategic Defence Initiative space-based anti-missile programme.

First official word of the summit plans came from Bush, who informed reporters on a golf course near his vacation home in Maine after taking a telephone call from Baker.

"I think around the world people will be pleased," he said. Bush expressed pleasure with the outcome of the weekend talks and said he would meet Gorbachev in the United States, possibly in Washington.

Later, in a written statement, Bush said: "I envision a broad discussion of the full agenda that the two sides have established — human rights, bilateral relations, arms control, regional issues and transnational issues."

Bush spoke more than a thousand miles (1,600 kms) from the Rocky mountain resort where Shevardnadze and Baker reached agreement

on a chemical weapons accord and several other points.

The agreements include:

- Exchange of data on chemical weapons by the end of the year and visits by inspectors of the other side to stockpiles and plants by June 30.
- In a second phase, there would be more intensive on-site inspections of the submitted data.
- An "umbrella agreement" in principle that there should be verification of missile plants and information exchanged even before a treaty to slash long-range nuclear weapons is completed.

■ Advance notification to the other side of exercises with long-range bombers and other strategic weapons.

■ A ceiling of 10 on launchers carrying mobile intercontinental ballistic missiles at any one base. Some of the launchers would be exposed for monitoring.

■ Co-operating to enhance the power of the International Court of Justice to settle disputes.

■ Two agreements to facilitate movement across the Bering Straits of Eskimos in Alaska and Eskimos in Siberia for visits.

■ Agreement on interpreting international rules for ship movements.

Baker later told reporters that the two sides "took a series of steps across the full arms control agenda to overcome old misconceptions and build trust."

In one of a pair of conciliatory gestures, Shevardnadze said the Soviets would dismantle their Krasnoyarsk radar facility. The United States has charged the Siberian radar

was intended to be part of a space-based defence system outlawed in a 1972 treaty.

The Soviet foreign minister insisted, however, the United States should "remove our concerns" about US radar stations in Greenland and Britain.

Baker said later he would be surprised if the Soviets were demanding that the US facilities be dismantled.

Baker said Shevardnadze wanted to send Soviet inspectors to the sites to make sure the radar is legal under the 1972 treaty.

The Soviets also removed another key impediment to a strategic arms agreement, dropping their demand that the pact include limits on submarine-launched cruise missiles, Shevardnadze and Baker said in consecutive news conferences.

But the United States remains sceptical that ways can be found to monitor nuclear SLCMs, said Baker. Senior US arms control aides predicted the Soviets might not insist on completing the SLCM agreement before signing the more sweeping strategic arms accord.

Shevardnadze also told reporters that Moscow was making a major concession in arms control negotiations, announcing that his government would not let its objections to the United States' SDI programme block completion of a treaty to cut long-range nuclear submarines, missiles and bombers by 30 to 50 per cent.

Hopes of arms cut as summit is set for 1990

US-Soviet relations 'good'

KENNEBUNKPORT, Maine, Sept. 24, (UPI): President Bush announced yesterday that he would meet with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev next spring or early summer at a summit held in the United States.

Bush, who summoned reporters to a rain-soaked golf course in Kennebunkport, Maine, to make the announcement, said Secretary of State James Baker and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze arranged the summit at their two-day meeting in Jackson, Wyo.

"It's good news and I'm very pleased at what the secretary has been able to accomplish," Bush said from Kennebunkport, where he is

Bush, who has been spending an active weekend at his home on the Maine coast, was on the 10th hole of Cape Arundel golf club, playing in a steady rain, when informed from Wyoming by Secretary of State James Baker — in a call taken at a golf cart over a portable telephone — that the summit was on for next year.

After insisting for months that he would not be rushed into a summit by the Soviets or political critics at home, Bush announced the time was finally right to set into motion the diplomatic spadework needed to stage a formal summit in the United States in "late spring or early summer."

While the precise date has yet to be determined, gauged perhaps to the progress of negotiations on conventional forces in Europe, Bush said the plans are set and that Washington would be the "proper" place to meet.

During the Reagan administration, the United States and Soviet Union agreed to rotate the locations of their regular summits.

Because the last full-fledged meeting was held in Moscow in 1988 — a luncheon meeting last December in New York of Gorbachev, Reagan and Bush was not given full summit status — Baker said on Thursday that the next meeting would be held in the United States.

In a written statement, Bush pronounced the state of US-Soviet relations to be "good" and said, "I have enjoyed a positive working relationship with Mr. Gorbachev."

Nodding in seeming acknowledgement when asked whether the time frame might have been shorter, Bush nevertheless told reporters that the length of time the two sides have to work up to the summit "gives us time to move forward on a lot of fronts."

"It's not under the time gun," he said, "and yet, the summit being set, I think it will be useful on both sides to pushing both bureaucracies forward, both decision-making teams forward, to achieve results."

Bush promised a summit covering "a wide array of subjects," but placed particular focus on prospects for movement in arms control at the end of a week that saw Senate Democratic leader George Mitchell accuse him of "timidity" in dealing with the Soviets and change in Eastern Europe.

In contrast to his previous reticence on the summit issue, Bush looked forward to the opportunity to discuss arms control and "a variety of other stuff" when he meets with Gorbachev and said he was "very pleased overall" with the progress made in Wyoming by Baker and Shevardnadze.

The location of the annual economic summit of the seven major democracies also rotates back to the United States in 1990 and Bush suggested that meeting, usually held in the late spring or early summer may be put off until the fall.

The final decision, Bush said, will be made in consultation with US allies.

The call from Baker reached Bush and he and his golf partners — National Security adviser Brent Scowcroft and club pro Ken Raynor — were nearing the 9th green. Bush took the call after teeing off on the 10th hole and summoned umbrella-toting reporters and photographers to the fairway to announce the summit while dripping with rain.

That done he hopped back into his golf cart and sped off with Paynor to the banks of the nearby Kennebunk river for more than 20 minutes of unproductive fishing in what by then was a driving rain.

Improved US-Soviet relations along with other factors offer the rare prospect of a decline in worldwide military spending, according to a new study.

spending the weekend at the family retreat.

Bush, who interrupted a round of golf to make the announcement, said he hoped the summit would move both governments toward further arms reductions.

"It's not my view that summits must have arms control agreements," Bush said, "but we're going to be working towards (them) with full faith, going forward in every way to achieve further arms reductions."

"That's been a goal of mine for a long time, I think it's a goal of Mr. Gorbachev's and so I would say that there's a chance for agreements of that nature."



Bush interrupts his golf game to announce that a summit between him and Gorbachev would take place in the US next year. (Reuter wirephoto)

Maggie predicts success

MOSCOW, Sept. 24, (AP): British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher yesterday predicted success for President Mikhail Gorbachev's reform programme in the Soviet Union, saying change has gone too far to be stopped.

"I believe perestroika is now set on its course and will go through to success," the conservative British leader told a news conference after four hours of talks with the Soviet President during her one-day stopover between Tokyo and London. She returned home after the news conference.

It was her fifth meeting since Gorbachev was named Communist Party chief in 1985. Thatcher was the first major Western leader to see Gorbachev since this summer's wave of strikes by miners in the Ukraine and Siberia and fears of ethnic violence in Georgia, Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan.

She expressed confidence in the 58-year-old Kremlin leader and his programme for economic and social reforms, saying it "opens up vistas and horizons not available to the people of the Soviet Union for some 70 years."

Asked about current domestic woes faced by Gorbachev's reform drive, she replied, "anything bold and purposeful will have difficulties to it."

One of the topics discussed by the leaders was arms control. Thatcher said she had been in touch with US President George Bush on the matter before meeting with Gorbachev at the Kremlin.

She declined to comment on anything Gorbachev may have told her on the reported dramatic swing in the Soviet position on a superpower treaty being negotiated to slash long-range nuclear weapons armaments.

Since the United States had refused to yield to Soviet demands to trim its space-defence programme, known as "Star Wars," completing a superpower treaty to reduce strategic weapons by 30 to 50 per cent had seemed improbable.

Asked whether Gorbachev had mentioned the switch in the Soviet Union's position, Thatcher told reporters gathered at the Soviet Foreign Ministry press centre that any announcement on that subject should be made in the United States.

On other disarmament topics, she said she left her meeting with Gorbachev believing that East and West can reach an agreement reducing conventional weaponry by next year. She also said prospects were "encouraging" for a ban on chemical weapons.

The official Soviet news agency Tass said Soviet concerns in the talks would include Thatcher's support for Western plans to modernise short-range nuclear weapons.

Autonomy plan watered down

Azeris sovereign

MOSCOW, Sept. 24, (Reuters): The Kremlin has watered down plans for greater autonomy for the 15 Soviet republics amid signs that President Mikhail Gorbachev's appeal to restless minorities to cool their nationalist clamour has fallen on deaf ears.

A Communist Party's Central Committee programme published today retained a number of concessions to the country's national minorities which featured in a draft produced for discussion last month.

But the final version, adopted by the committee on Wednesday, cuts back several rights initially promised to Republican parliaments and condemns moves in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania to form separate communist parties.

Although promising sovereignty to the Soviet republics, the plan says any of their laws which contradict Soviet law can be overruled, apparently rejecting a right claimed by Estonia for the supremacy of its own legislation.

It also dismissed as "unacceptable in principle," plans to form separate republican communist parties, echoing comments made by Gorbachev at a meeting with Baltic leaders almost two weeks ago.

Publication of the report, which filled two pages in the Communist Party newspaper Pravda, followed increasing signs that an appeal by Gorbachev at last week's Central Committee session for more tolerance and responsibility has not been heeded by restive ethnic minorities.

Tass reported late yesterday that three youths aged 16 and 17 had been killed and five injured in street battles involving Russians and Kazakhs in the central Asian city of Semipalatinsk.

It blamed the fighting on a settling of accounts "between neighbourhoods" — a suggestion that it was the latest in a series of outbreaks of ethnic violence which has killed more than 250 people since the start of last year.

There was also no sign of an easing in tension in the Transcaucasus, where the Azerbaijani Parliament yesterday passed a law making clear in would not relax control over Nagorno-Karabakh, a region claimed by neighbouring Armenia.

And, in Lithuania, the Parliament adopted a report by a parliamentary commission denouncing the Red Army's occupation in 1940 and dismissing as invalid a subsequent vote to join the Soviet Union.

Azerbaijan yesterday became the latest Soviet republic to declare itself "sovereign" and give its own laws precedence over those promulgated from Moscow, journalists reported.

The law on sovereignty approved yesterday by the republic's Supreme Soviet establishes the "integrity, indivisibility and inviolability" of Azerbaijan's territory, said Arif Aliyev, an independent journalist.

Azerbaijan was also declared "independent" in all matters except those it delegates voluntarily to national authorities in Moscow, Aliyev said.

Ammo dump fire kills 1

MOSCOW, Sept. 24, (Reuters): Workmen "hosing around" while painting a Soviet military storehouse set fire to an ammunition dump, killing a soldier and sending shells screaming into a nearby Siberian town, Soviet press reports said today.

The newspaper Trud said 20,000 people were evacuated from the town of Yurga and neighbouring villages. One house was damaged and another shell smashed through the wall of an empty kindergarten.

The government newspaper Izvestia said the blast occurred late on Thursday or early on Friday after painters "hosing around" set fire to acetone vapour.

Most of the shells did not explode on impact and Izvestia said authorities had recovered 30 unexploded shells from around the town.

Soviet House to debate reforms

MOSCOW, Sept. 24, (Agencies): Freedom of the press, religion and even property are on the agenda for the Soviet legislature's second session on Monday that promises to be exhilarating even if many radical reforms have little chance of approval.

The four-month-old legislative body merely reacted to Kremlin proposals in its first session last summer, but this session will feature a new group of 345 progressive deputies who joined ranks last month. The inter-regional group spent yesterday hammering out an alternative platform of proposed laws once unthinkable in the Soviet Union, such as the freedom to start a newspaper.

The group, comprising such well-known figures as human rights leader Andrei Sakharov and maverick communist Boris Yeltsin, also called for the open sale of paper, printing presses and copy machines. Under the continuing system of censorship, distribution of these items is strictly limited. Copy machines are still kept under tight lock and key in most of the Soviet Union.

The group planned to vote on the proposed platform today, said economist Gavril Popov, one of its leaders.

The national legislature, or Supreme Soviet, has a formidable agenda. In 45 days, it expects to act on 80 bills dealing with such critical issues as guaranteeing human rights, calming ethnic strife and salvaging an economy widely agreed to be hurtling toward disaster.

"All are very important," Deputy Sergei S. Alekseyev told a government-sponsored press conference on Friday. "All should be adopted."

The Supreme Soviet once was a rubber-stamp body that met a few days a year to unanimously approve every action of the Kremlin leaders, but in a few months it has become a diverse body already famous for spicy debate. Alekseyev said there are no less than four versions of the new law on the press and "glasnost," President Mikhail Gorbachev's programme of openness.

One version calls for a complete ban on censorship, state-run Radio Moscow reported on Friday.

The draft platform of the inter-regional group challenges the tools long used by the government to control the Soviet population. It calls for elimination of internal passports, the freedom to move in and out of the country, access for defence lawyers to investigative reports, public financing of parliamentary factions, creation of non-government television and unemployment insurance.

But even the inter-regional group does not suggest ending one of the most sacred precepts of Soviet communism: The ban on private ownership of land. The idea does, however, have the support of many Baltic deputies.

■ After years in the thick of the Communist Party's struggle to build Soviet socialism, Yeltsin says he knows a place where the average working man is happy and secure.

That place, he is telling his Soviet supporters, is in the United States.

The silver-haired populist, an irritant for the past two years to President Mikhail Gorbachev and much of the Soviet establishment, returned last week from a nine-city US tour to face two pressing controversies.

One was ficked in a matter of days when Pravda, the powerful Communist Party daily newspaper, publicly apologized for reprinting an article that alleged Yeltsin drank heavily and spent profligately in the United States.

The other controversy centres on his comments about life in the United States, which are filled with wide-eyed wonder reminiscent of the tales told by new world immigrants of past generations.

More cross to freedom

VIENNA, Austria, Sept. 24, (AP): The number of East Germans crossing from Hungary to Austria swelled to a new daily record of 819 from early yesterday to this morning, authorities reported.

This brought the total of East German refugees arriving in the West since Hungary opened the border for them on Sept. 11 to 19,906.

Meanwhile, a Soviet citizen has applied for refugee status in Hungary after arriving last Tuesday, the Hungarian Mai Nap newspaper reported today.

He was identified as Mikhail Rudolf, a 33-year-old ethnic Hungarian from Uzhgorod, who worked as a butcher and cook. He arrived at the Zuglitz camp for East German refugees, vowing not to return to the Soviet Union, the report said.

Danes fine 3 airlines

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Sept. 24, (AP): Denmark has fined three airline companies — Belgian Sabena, Soviet Aeroflot and Czech CSA — for carrying refugees to Denmark without valid passports or visas, newspapers reported yesterday.

It was the first time that a Danish court sentenced airlines for transporting illegal refugees to Denmark.

Bush to toast freedom in maiden UN speech as new era emerges in US-Soviet relations

KENNEBUNKPORT, Maine, Sept. 24, (Reuters): Buoyed by talk of a new era in US-Soviet relations, US President George Bush will toast the triumph of freedom in a speech to the United Nations tomorrow.

Bush makes his maiden presidential speech to the world body two days after Secretary of State James Baker and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze signed a series of deals and announced that Bush would meet President Mikhail Gorbachev in the spring.

Baker declared "a new spirit of openness" and

said "we've moved from confrontation, to dialogue, and now to co-operation." Shevardnadze said they had moved energetically towards new heights in their relations.

A few days earlier, in a Washington news conference, Baker said Moscow and Washington now talked "about things that we never dreamed, not long ago, that we would be talking to them about."

Bush will stress this theme by pointing out how much the world has changed since he was the US envoy to the UN from 1971 to 1973.

Senior White House aides say he will also expand

on his inaugural day declaration that a "new breeze" of freedom and democracy is blowing around the world.

He will point to the reform movements in Hungary, Poland and the Soviet Union itself as evidence that his cautious policies are fostering both political and economic freedom.

Certain that the world was watching, Gorbachev used a United Nations address last December to announce dramatic unilateral cuts in Soviet military strength.

Bush is expected to appeal to the international

community to ban chemical weapons, explain his foreign policy goals and make a broad appeal for international co-operation to protect the environment, promote economic prosperity, fight drug trafficking and combat terrorism.

■ The United States pays most and owes most to the United Nations. The USA owes more than half of the \$1.3 billion shortfall in the UN's budget for day-to-day business and peacekeeping operations. ■ Shevardnadze will pay a working visit to Nicaragua in early October, the official news agency Tass said today.

Amir begins three-day official visit to France today

Two agreements to be signed

PARIS, Sept 24, (Kuna): HH the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Jaber tomorrow starts an official three-day visit to France, where he will be greeted at Orly Airport by President Francois Mitterrand.

HH the Amir and President Mitterrand will then head for the Elysee Palace for talks on pan-Arab issues, topped by Lebanon and Palestine.

Later on in the day, Mitterrand hosts a dinner banquet in honour of HH the Amir.

On Tuesday, HH the Amir will attend a dinner reception held in his honour by head of the Paris Municipality Jacques Chirac at the Foreign Ministry.

In the afternoon, HH the Amir will receive at his residence Ministers of

Defence Jean-Pierre Chevenement and of Research and Technology Hubert Curien.

In the evening, HH the Amir hosts a reception at the home of Kuwait's Ambassador to France Dr Tareq Rozouqi. The Amir is due to conclude his state visit on Wednesday.

Last Friday, official French sources praised Kuwaiti diplomacy for its

efforts on all fronts, especially regarding the Iraq-Iran war and the debts problem.

Kuwait also played a leading role on the Lebanese front as it chaired the six-man Arab committee and is the current chairman of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC).

Kuwait, the first Gulf investor in France, directed eight per cent, nearly

\$60 million, of its total foreign investments to France in 1988.

France is seventh among world exporters to Kuwait, while Kuwait managed 15th place in this category to France.

In 1988, Kuwaiti oil exports to France reached 46 million tons, or 0.1 per cent of France's oil imports. France imported 632 million tons, of

Kuwaiti oil by-products last year, or 2.4 per cent.

Total French exports to Kuwait were estimated last year at \$165 million in 1988, while France imported Kuwaiti products valued at nearly \$225 million for the same period.

Both countries' officials are keen to exchange visits regularly. President Mitterrand visited Kuwait in September

of 1986, while Foreign Minister Roland Dumas stopped there last February. Earlier this month Interior Minister Pierre Joxe paid a visit to Kuwait, during which he signed two security agreements.

HH the Amir visited France a year ago and met with the French President, while the Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed was in Paris last January.

NCMC plans to unify job titles

Computer agencies bemoan monopoly

THE assistant undersecretary for the National Computers and Microfilm Centre at the Ministry of Planning Sulaiman Al Zayed has said that there is a plan to unify all service titles in the government sector to be at one with the payrolls and personnel increments decisions.

He told a local daily that the NCMC has prepared a full study on this topic involving 33 job titles on six different levels. As a result employees will have a fair chance to systematically be promoted up to the position of advisor.

Unification of job titles allow computer personnel the chance to prove themselves, excel in their field and work for promotion with high morale.

The study of this system took an entire year during which data was collected on all employees, their numbers and the reasons for their leaving the government sector. The process involved the invitation of a public questionnaire aiming to define the channels through which employees were made to uplift their productivity. The conclusion is that there was an urgent demand for job titles.

Operators

Currently there are 2,375 computer operators in the government centre constituting three per cent of the total government labour. The still-inadequate number of computer operators in the world make them very much in demand and consequently costly to hire.

The new system also aims to retain efficient computer operators by offering them the chance to excel and improve their promotional chances, offering professional and financial incentives. However, all these incentives are not fully capable of counteracting the lure of the private sector.

Kuwaiti graduates are difficult to lure into the government sector. However, quite a number

appreciated the experience they could accumulate by working at the NCMC on various government projects as this is not available in the private sector.

The official commented that the use of computers would not help reduce the need for expatriate labour but could limit their need to essentials. Generally speaking, computers reduced the normal need for employees, though, heightened competitiveness among the existing employees whereby only the efficient and highly-skilled could secure jobs in the field.

Computers could help reduce functional inflation in the government sector through automation of all possible functions, which would entail reconsideration of the existing labour planning policy, as the majority of public money was paid to cover the cost of labour.

Consequently computers could play a positive role in the rationalisation of public spending and stepping up quality work performance in a cost-effective manner, serving the administrative development process.

Systems

Currently, there are 42 computer-operated systems in the government, such as the staff payroll computer systems, traffic lights, passports, telephone bills, Civil ID-cards, social security systems and others still being developed.

Meanwhile, five local computer companies have submitted a memorandum to the Minister of Planning emphasising the role played by the NCMC in providing all government agencies with their needs of computer systems.

The memo said that the NCMC had for years denied the social computer companies the chance to participate in its line of services, and had kept the door shut before the influx of new technologies in the field.

The memo signatories said that the NCMC's computer

know-how is confined to a limited group of computer systems which it used since the 1960s. Further, it lacked knowledge on new developments in the field which resulted in high evaluation of proposals and quotes made by computer companies to other government agencies.

They added that the NCMC did not confine its line of practice to the authorised consultancy role, through which it supposedly provided technical and professional counsel to various government agencies. It has always tried to tie the interests of other government agencies to its central system, which resulted in the imposition of certain computer hardware on all government agencies.

This was evidenced by the lately awarded tenders which involved the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, and the General Customs Department, and that the vast majority of the training courses organised by the NCMC depended exclusively on the hardware provided by a certain company which made computer specialists operating in the government sector monopolise the product of this company and consequently accord all their computer-related tenders to this company for all government projects.

The memo also said that the NCMC followed no international standards and specifications as approved for computers, and consequently the specifications and standards followed by this company were the scale against which all computer products were assessed.

The committee recently formed to study the government policies on computers had on its membership two representatives of this company which had in stock all the computer hardware that were, as a result for this state of affairs, very much high in demand.

10 cases of 'W135' meningitis discovered

OFFICIAL sources at the Ministry of Health revealed yesterday that the ministry discovered 10 cases of very dangerous type of meningitis. The sources which said that the type is known as 'W135' affirmed that this is the first time this type of meningitis is found in the whole region. The sources further added that 3 of the 10 patients have already died at the Infectious Diseases Hospital and that the condition of the other 7 cases is very serious. They added that only little hope exists for their survival. The sources said that so far Kuwait has discovered 27 cases of meningitis this year, majority of them are of the three normal types known as A, B and C which are common in the region. But the sources said that the fourth type, W135, has not been discovered in the whole region for a long time.

Vaccination campaign
The sources added that Kuwait has launched a comprehensive vaccination campaign against the first three types of meningitis since 1987. But the vaccinations did not include the fourth type. Children over 2 years old were asked to take the meningitis vaccinations at the various medical clinics after an outbreak of the disease two years ago which came soon after the return of pilgrims. The disease had spread to all countries of the region including Kuwait. The sources added that Jordan was the only country in the region to inoculate its citizens against the dangerous fourth type of meningitis.

Sources added, however, that the Health Ministry does not intend to launch another vaccination plan to include the fourth type because the situation is not dangerous and has not reached the epidemic stage. But the ministry is taking strict precautions to contain the disease, the sources affirmed.

Meningitis is a dangerous disease that is usually caused by bacteria and virus and these microbes attack the membranes covering the brain. They cause high fever and may be fatal particularly in young children and old people. Congestion, lack of proper ventilation, bad housing facilities and other factors are the main reasons that cause the disease. Besides the disease is infectious.

Amaeri troupe performs at Pompidou yard

PARIS, Sept 24, (Kuna): The famous George Pompidou courtyard in Paris turned into a Kuwaiti festival yesterday evening when the Kuwaiti Television group and Al Amaeri troupe made a performance of Kuwaiti songs and dances.

The square was soon crowded when French and other foreign passersby stood to watch the Kuwaiti folkloric songs and dances.

Kuwait TV group and troupe, who were wearing Kuwaiti traditional costumes, entered the Pompidou Square by hoisting Kuwait's flag and singing Kuwaiti traditional songs.

The audience started clapping and dancing to the Kuwaiti songs and the Pompidou courtyard was packed, with the colourful show attracting more attendants.

Echoes of Kuwaiti songs rocked the area with pleasure and it brought to mind the performance held in Kuwait on the country's National Day, but the only difference is that the French people joined the festival this time.

At the time of Kuwaiti troupe's performance, French and foreign money-earners who perform for people present in the Pompidou courtyard failed to capture the interest of the people, who were much more interested in the Kuwaiti show.

The Kuwaiti performance lasted for more than one hour and when they started to leave the courtyard still singing people followed them until the end.

The performance of the Kuwaiti group, along with the Kuwaiti Cultural Week, was a very good opportunity to introduce Kuwait to the French people.

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I AM working as a domestic helper in Kuwait since Jan. 1988. I wanted to marry my employer's brother (who loves me). I am a mother of three children.

My husband sent me a letter last year saying that he was involved with a girl while he was drunk. So her parents decided that he should marry their daughter. I did not refuse and my husband is willing to take my three children to live with his new wife. I want to change my surname in the passport. Can you tell me how to do that in Kuwait to solve this problem, is it through my embassy in Kuwait?

Ms Lousely
FIRST, changing your surname in your passport is the concern of your embassy and not any authority in Kuwait. It is advisable to contact your embassy here, and they will give you the definite answer.

I AM working in Kuwait for the past ten years as an AC mechanic. At present there are less jobs in the company, so the company started harassing me to leave the job and go home. In case I leave the job for another company, what is the period limit to change the residence to another company, and to get my dues from my present company?

R.R.
YOU have been working here for more than ten years on visa No. 18, so you can change from one company to another without a problem. According to the new regulations of the Labour Law you are allowed to change to another sponsor after completing three years of employment. However you have been working for more than that period with your sponsor. About the limit period for changing from one sponsor to another is a maximum of one month. Your dues should be fully paid during that period before joining the second company. But if your first employer refuses to pay all your dues and to give you a release, then you can file a case at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour.

I HAVE been working in Kuwait on visa No. 18 for the past 15 years with different sponsors. Six months back I transferred my residence to another sponsor. However I want to change the job again. Is it possible for me to change my visa to another sponsor after six months only? Please explain.

Anthony Furturo
THE new regulations of the Labour Law has not mentioned the minimum period of changing from one sponsor to another. You have been working for a period of 10 years on visa No. 18, which means there is no legal problem to transfer from one sponsor to another.

I AM concerned about my visa problem, because of my pending case. Before it was written that I am prohibited to go outside Kuwait, but two weeks ago my sponsor asked me to check in the court. I found that the ban was lifted and I can leave the country any time. By then I asked my sponsor not to renew my visa and to give me a release to work for another sponsor and he agreed. I asked him who will pay the fine because I have an expired visa so the company checked about this matter with the concerned authority, they were told that I can return to my country but I cannot work with another employer. I am confused why I am permitted to go outside the country and then not come back even if I can get a no-objection certificate (NOC).

I want to know if it is really true what I was told by the authority that if I leave Kuwait I will not be permitted to come back even if I have an NOC?

It is also true that I will not be permitted to come back even with an NOC, and if I leave to my country no one can make my residence permit even if I have an NOC. The reason why I want to look for another job, is that they do not want to have any plan of renewing my visa. They just want me to stay without visa even if they could do it. I am not holding a Civil ID and I'm afraid to be caught by the police for this. I am already accepted in a company and waiting for my NOC.

What could be my problem in the future if it is true that I am not permitted to come back by that authority. Please advise me because if I am not permitted to come back then I will not secure the NOC. What could serve as a legal paper in order to avoid trouble outside if I encounter checking?

N.M.R.
YOU ARE talking about your residence which expired. You do not have a Civil ID. Then you did not mention the reason of banning you from travel and then ordering you to leave Kuwait and not to come back. First check if there is a stamp on the passport which bans you from coming back to Kuwait. If you are banned from entering the country again, you need a pardon from the concerned authorities. However you should be more clear about explaining your case, provided with evidence that verifies your situation.

I WANT to know how the leave salary is calculated. Is it calculated on the last drawn salary?

From the beginning of my employment I have been drawing transport allowance every month. Hence while calculating my indemnity am I eligible to add this allowance to my basic salary?

Khamer
ACCORDING to the law, you can get outstanding dues i.e. salary owed to you, leave salary plus 15 days of each year for the first five years and one month's wages for each year for the sixth year onward. If you are being fired, you'll get the above settlement. If you resign before completing five years, then you are not entitled to any end of service benefits, but you can get the leave salary owed to you.

I WOULD like to inquire on my position with regard to the following situation: Four days before Eid Al Fitr we asked a local aluminium company to give us an estimate of assembling one door, a window and partition. The estimated cost by the company was KD230, afterwards we decided verbally on KD200.

The first week after Eid Al Fitr the company installed the window (not the requested colour glass, we requested after destroying the original window it would have meant being left with a hole in the wall until they returned) as well as fitting the door. The company decided they placed the door in the wrong place so they removed (breaking plaster off the wall) and stored it 15 cm in another direction.

The company then said they would come back to assemble the partition but I never heard from them again. We continued calling them through May, early June then we proceeded on holiday and returned in early July, we again called but no reply.

Finally three weeks ago the company called us asking about the money. So we asked them first to finish the job then we would pay. After that two men came but did not know what we wanted and left. We arranged they would come back at 10 am Sept 14 and since then we were unable to contact them.

What I would like to know is whether I have the right to bring in another aluminium company to finish the job and refuse to pay the first company for the inconvenience caused over the past 4 months?

Sahada Hanna
FIRST you have to send a written notice through the court to that company which should mention that due to the delay of fixing the doors, window and partition, you are informing them that you are bringing another company to do the work after giving them a notice period of one week to finish the work. However if they did not come to finish the work during that notice period they have to pay the expenses which will be deducted from the first company.

This notice should be determined for one week before you can bring another company. This notice should be submitted through a lawyer. However you can wait after giving that notice and if you receive no reply, you can bring another company to do the job.

I CAME to Kuwait in 1976 on visa No. 18 and have worked with a private company for 12 years. At present I am working in a semi-government firm and my residence has been transferred over there.

Recently I got a better offer in another semi-government firm. Will it be possible for me to transfer my residence, if I decide to join the second firm only after two months after joining the first one?

F. Gomes
YOU HAVE been working with that firm for only two months and you want to change for another firm. This kind of transfer should be settled between the two firms in order for you to join the second firm. If you achieve that transfer, you can join the other company or else you have to wait for a period of time that entitles you for such a transfer and then you go on with the procedure.

I CAME to Kuwait on a contract with one company and worked as a mechanic for five years. During the five years of service, the company never gave me a pay raise, so I decided to leave. I approached the manager for a release which he finally refused and also refused to give me my service certificate. Now I am back with a new visa, but I wish to have my experience certificate from my previous employer. What can I do, please advise.

N.J. Noronha

ACCORDING to Article 60 of Labour Law which states the following: A labourer should be granted a service termination certificate showing the date of service of his profession and years of service and last wage he received. Any libelous phrase or certificate or tools deposited with the employer should be returned to the labourer. If your employer does not give you that certificate, then you can file a case against him at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour.

THERE are about 18 workers filing a case against the company to get their salaries. The court issued a verdict against the company to pay the full dues which is about KD1400. But the company has asked to pay on instalments. After the first instalment against the company stopped paying.

Do we have to go back to court and wait another year for the court's decision? What will happen when the court issues a verdict against the company to pay the full dues which is about KD15,000 pending? Do we get our money within the same days or after the court's decision? How many days the company has to pay us?

H.R.
YOU should provide me with more details regarding this case especially a photocopy of the court's verdict about it. Legal advice will be provided to you upon receipt of the court's decision.

MY brother-in-law got a court sentence of two years which he has completed and is soon to be deported to his country. Will he be able to return to Kuwait to join his family of a wife who is a government employee and his two children. His daughter who goes to school have valid visa of two years. Can my sister transfer her daughter's residence under her sponsorship? If yes, what are the procedures? Also I would like to know if his daughter is liable to be deported along with her father?

P.G. Zachary
YOU did not mention about his wife's job whether in the government or the private sector. Details about the wife's salary was not provided.


An official at the Immigration Department said that if the mother meets the requirements of sponsoring dependents then the father should give a release letter to the mother attested by the Ministry of Justice that she looks after her children because the father was deported. Then she can submit it to the immigration authorities for transfer of her children's residence. His children are not liable to be deported because they did not break the rules of the country, but their father did.



Garbage galore

A private cleaning company was assigned to carry out cleaning in Rabiya area. During the first month of the contract, the company provided the area with huge containers for collecting the rubbish. But after that, the containers were surprisingly withdrawn and instead small drums were allocated. This resulted in the accumulation of garbage in the area. People complained about the bad smell from the garbage and demanded speedy action by officials. Picture shows scattered garbage with the containers fallen on the ground.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF



Walter Rodricks

Born on: 21-8-1927
Died on: 4-9-1989
Requiem Mass on 25-9-1989 at 6.00 pm (Holy Family Cathedral)

A tribute of love from his wife Phyllis and children Ashok, Shanti/Kenny, Peter, Derrick and Sheryl.

Islamic Council endorses a number of recommendations

KUWAIT, Sept 24, (Kuna): Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Khalid Ahmad Al Jassar today announced that the International Islamic Council for Call and Relief has endorsed a number of important recommendations on Islamic and Arab issues.

Jassar who attended the council's latest meeting in Cairo, said that he conveyed the regards of HH the Amir to President Hosni Mubarak when the Egyptian President received a number of the delegates who participated in the meeting which ended Friday.

He added that the council's resolutions included the Palestinian cause, the Palestinian uprising, the Bulgarian Muslims, Afghan issue and the prisoners of war in Iran and Iraq.

The conferees listened at the meeting to reports by the council's different committees on their accomplishments during the past year. Jassar went on saying that the aim of the International Islamic Council is to co-ordinate and co-operate among the Islamic world in Islamic affairs especially that the Muslims need that attention from the council.

The Minister of Awqaf concluded that the Egyptian President has asked him to convey his appreciation and thanks to HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah, and Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Jaber.

The council comprises of Egypt, Kuwait, Iraq, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Qatar and a number of charity societies in the Islamic world.

Afforestation process slow: Qabazard

By Abdullah Al Shemari

MANAGING Director of the Palms Company for Agricultural Production, Husain Ahmad Qabazard considered the afforestation process as going very slow due to lack of planning and some farmers' agricultural unawareness.

On the occasion of revising the Kuwait National Afforestation Plan and the beginning of the new season of this year, he indicated that most citizens are randomly planting fruit and land scape trees. Such operations unsystematically undertaken will only result in time, effort and money being wasted.

The main causes behind this financial waste is due to lack of consulting specialised authorities before going ahead with planting. He stated that there are many specialised authorities and advice resources

which citizens could consult with.

However, the official said that we cannot blame this group of citizens due to the fact that they lack comprehensive agricultural culture. He expected that agricultural culture will spread in Kuwait in due time if information facilities were fully involved in awareness campaigns.

He praised the Ministry of Education's efforts in spreading awareness among the new generation at schools. He added that some co-operative societies follow the same method of random agriculture. He pointed out that Kuwait has 280,000 palm trees with a total date yield of 7,000 tonnes annually. He stated that 28 per cent of the country's date requirements is covered by this amount. The total consumption of dates in Kuwait is estimated at 7,000 tonnes annually. A rise in the production of dates during the coming three years is anticipated, Qabazard said.

Kuwait optimistic on peace in Lebanon

Cabinet reviews issues

KUWAIT, Sept. 24, (Kuna): The cabinet today held a meeting under the chairmanship of Acting Premier-Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed in which a spectrum of issues were reviewed.

Planning Minister, Acting Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Dr. Abdul Rahman Al Awadi said in a statement following the meeting that the council of ministers reviewed the positive dimensions of the visit of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed to Iraq for talks with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

The visit falls within the context of distinguished fraternal ties linking the people of the two countries and within the continuous consultations over Arab issues, the statement said, lauding the Iraqi fraternal reception of HH the Amir.

The council took note of the visits to be paid by HH to France, Guinea, Mali and Niger accompanied with the Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Rashid Al Rashid, Finance Minister Jassem Al Khorafi, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Saud Al Othaimi and a number of senior officials.

The cabinet, Dr. Awadi added, reviewed the outcome of the visit to the country by the King of Nepal Birendra Bikram Shah Deo and means of developing bilateral relations and other issues of mutual concern.

Sheikh Sabah, he added, acquainted the cabinet with the contents of talks held between Chad Foreign Minister Achille Ibn Omar and Kuwaiti officials during his recent visit to the country.

Dr. Awadi said the council listened to a report by the Minister of Trade and Industry Faisal Abdul Razzak Al Khalid on the

visit to Kuwait by the Minister of Industry and Technology of Mauritius republic and topics discussed during the visit.

Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Khalid Al Jassar acquainted the cabinet of the results of the recent Cairo meetings of the world Islamic Council for Call and Relief.

Awadi noted that the council followed up with optimism the recently declared ceasefire in Lebanon and welcomed this constructive step aimed at ending the existing tragic situation in Lebanon.

Amir points to Arab fate

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common desire to continue the historical links between the two neighbouring Arab countries.

"The reception given by the Iraqis to their great guest reflected their appreciation for a brave Arab leader, who took a genuine stand, together with his people, in defending the Arab nation, that heroic defence which achieved victory for the Arabs," Ramadan said.

He was apparently referring to Kuwait's financial and moral support for Iraq in its eight-year war with Iran which ended with a UN-brokered ceasefire in August last year.

The ceasefire stopped the fighting, but UN-sponsored peace talks between Iraq and Iran remain deadlocked.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Special report

PARIS, Sept. 24, (Kuna): The French semi-official news agency, Agence France-Presse, today issued a special report on the visit of HH the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah, saying the situation in the Middle East conflict and bilateral co-operation issues will top the agenda of discussions.

The agency said HH, who is a well-known leader with the widest diplomatic scope, will discuss the political and security situation on several issues of international concern.

The AFP said the points of view of the two leaders are almost identical on the search for settlements to the Gulf conflict, the Middle East problem, and the Lebanese crisis and debt problem of the Third World.

The agency said Kuwait and France have reached advanced levels of co-operation on means of combating terrorism and drug trafficking especially after an agreement was signed recently in Kuwait by interior ministers of the two countries.

It added that two economic agreements on the prevention of double taxation and protection of investments will be signed during the visit of HH.

Ortega message

KUWAIT, Sept. 24, (Kuna): His Highness Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah today received a message from Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega.

The message was delivered by Nicaraguan President's special envoy, George Hallas.

KUWAIT, Sept. 24, (Kuna): HH the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah received at his diwan at the Bayan Palace this morning Sheikh Jaber Al Ali.

HH later received advisors at HH the Amir's office Abdul Rahman Salem Al Ateeqi and Abdul Latif Faisal Al Thumaini, Ahmadi Governor Sheikh Ali Sabah Al Salem, chairman of the Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources Sheikh Ibrahim Al Duaiji and US Ambassador to Kuwait Wilson Nathaniel Howell.

Board dissolved

KUWAIT, Sept. 24, (Kuna): Minister of Social Affairs and Labour Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed Al Sabah today issued a ministerial decision dissolving the board of directors of the Social Culture Society, and appointing a new board for a one-year term.

Dr. Saleh Ali Hassan has been appointed as chairman of the society's board of directors, while Ghalib Ahmed Al Taha, Bader Ramadhan Khalifeh, and Bader Mohammed Al Sayegh have been appointed as board members.

The decision banned drawing any funds from the society's fund or from the banks in which the society's funds are deposited unless the new board chairman and treasurer put their signatures.



Abu Bakr Al Hudairi

Convict sentenced to 322 years RI pardoned

YESTERDAY, a defendant sentenced to 322 years of rigorous imprisonment.

The defendant identified as Abu Bakr Al Hudairi used to teach maths in a local school prior to his being detained on Sept. 23, 1979 on numerous charges of issuing dud cheques.

The court was told that the accused raked in a fortune by dipping innocent Egyptians into believing that he would transfer

these savings at better than exchange rates prevailing at that time.

The court convicted him on 83 individual counts and sentenced him to the longest jail-term ever handed down in the annals of Kuwaiti justice.

A statement issued by the public relations department at the Ministry of Interior said that the accused was released after spending half of the legal period in jail and in accordance with an Amiri amnesty dated April 26,

1987. The statement added that according to article No. 22 of Law of Judicial Procedures the maximum period of imprisonment should not exceed 20 years.

The defendant was released after spending half of the period. The convict has been referred to the Criminal Investigation Department for completion of deportation formalities.

Well informed sources said that the accused's wife possess in her name large tracts of land and real estate.

Exchanges to re-open in three months

THE Ministry of Commerce and Industry has notified the owners of money exchange companies lately ordered closed down by the ministry that it will lift its closure decision in three months time to enable the closed down businessmen to open dialogues with their clientele, reach friendly settlements and sort out violations against their authorised line of practice.

An official source from the ministry said that the owners of these companies were notified of this step following the issue of a ministerial decision late last week through registered mail or direct contact. They were urged to undertake not to accept deposits, make remittances and money orders and stop all types of banking services falling out of their authorised services.

Sources close to the market believe that some of the closed down businesses were trying to take advantage of their clients due to their inability to refund their deposits and trying in the meantime to get them to accept half the amount of their deposits, to which some clients agreed.

Sources close to clients believe that the total number of clients is well over 2400 and that the value of outstanding amount is estimated at KD40 millions.

Heart centre

KUWAIT, Sept. 24, (Kuna): Undersecretary of Health Na'eel Al-Naqib disclosed that HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al-Abdullah has decided to build a specialised medical centre for heart diseases at his own expenses.

In a television interview, Naqib said the centre will be constructed near the Chest Diseases Hospital in Sulaihiyah and will be supplied with specialised medical team to treat heart patients.

Kuna obtained an advanced copy of the interview which will be broadcast tomorrow.

Plan to diversify national income sources

External industries to be established

THE Undersecretary of the Ministry of Planning Dr. Abdul Hadi Al Awadi has said that the new development is based on the building of the productive Kuwaiti individual in order to be able to achieve the desired upturn in compliance with directives from HH the Amir.

The existing plan received top-level support from the political leadership in the country, out of its conviction in the sound planning approach that could guarantee the ability to keep pace with the age progress and meet the challenges of today.

To lay down the basis for a sound planning concept, strict practical steps have been taken including the organisation of training courses in varying levels of planning, beginning with the level of undersecretaries.

The courses also contained planning programmes introduced as curricular subjects into the general educational programmes and the university qualification leading to diploma degrees and higher studies in the field of planning, in co-ordination with the Ministry of Higher Education, Awadi said.

He said that under the new plan, certain existing government concerns would be converted into private sector businesses. The main underlying idea being that of attempting to diversify the sources of national income, is a demanding task that would only be achieved over three or more five-year development plans.

He pointed out that all five-year plans would basically emphasise the importance of building the productive Kuwaiti individual and that for this purpose long-term national strategy would be developed for the economic and social development on the basis of which medium-term and annual plans with interim objectives and special implementation policies marked with flexibility to cope with potential

changes and modifications to cater for urgent needs.

The ultimate goal is to redress the population balance, achieved social homogeneity, follow a well-established planning approach, build the right individual educationally, religiously and deep ties between the individual and community to emphasise social and communal interaction and values, step up national manpower resources and increase the percentage of Kuwaitis in the labour force.

He said that various government ministries and agencies had been invited each in line with their field of operation to contribute and that result was the collection of data on the evaluation of the current state of affairs which would help the formulation of long-term policies whereby all five-year plans would be made to fulfill and cater to urgent national requirements.

He attributed the deficiency in national manpower resource to a lack of sound planning approach stressing that any planning activity must be enriched with national planning specialists.

For this purpose special committees had been formed by different government agencies to study the data provided by their agency to use it as the starting point for applying the desired sound planning approach and develop the needed national planning specialists.

He said that intensive training programmes had been developed in co-ordination with Kuwait University and the Arab Institute for Planning catering to all levels starting with undersecretaries, and that these courses would be for three months each during which participants would be initiated into policy-making and developing the right planning approach in the light of forecasted requirements.

He added that some courses were held annually by experts from the Ministry, Kuwait

University and Arab Institute for Planning, whereby participants were trained in how to develop planning schemes and enrich their planning expertise to meet the national requirements and cater to the efforts exerted to cultivate planning abilities among the national cadres.

He stressed the importance of contributions by the private sector to shoulder its national responsibility and help qualify Kuwaitis to play a positive role in the development process, through training and acquisition of needed field expertise and via close co-ordination between the public and private sectors.

He pointed out that current government efforts were based on the need to develop special policies seeking to integrate the roles of the public and private sector in the process of qualifying the right Kuwaiti cadre within the framework of a sound planning approach, which could mean a regional co-ordination of effort to whom profitability at the short run was the last goal.

Certain industries and investment in agricultural projects would for this purpose be established in Arab or Gulf states whereby national interests would be employed duly protecting the welfare of all involved. This would require external investment activities and enterprises to reinforce the current status of national industries, particularly strategic industries and enable the fulfillment of the national security, in the field of medicine and food alike.

He added that the third objective would mean efforts to redress the balance of population, i.e. gradual reduction of imported manpower. This is intended to be achieved, through mobilisation of all potentials needed to transfer of manpower-demanding industries to the country of imported labour, in

order to be able to collect the returns of our investments, serve our national interests and avoid burdening our service budget by hosting large population of labour force, who would be working for us, but in their own countries.

He pointed out that part of our efforts to diversify the sources of national income was the conclusion of bilateral agreements with certain countries whereby we would be able to enhance our foreign investment base in various agricultural, pharmaceutical or high-tech industries, a task that would have to be accomplished over three or four five-year plans.

Support

He said that top political support was rendered to the implementation of this policy by HH the Amir out of his personal commitment to ensuring the best of service to national interest and welfare. Therefore great attention is being accorded to this policy through the successive meetings of the Council of Ministers and members of the Higher Planning Council whereby executive steps for the current development plan were being closely followed up and projections were being considered for the upcoming plans and ways to ensure success in achieving the desired national objectives.

SITUATIONS VACANT

1. Male secretary with minimum 3 years experience in office routine. Good speed in English typing is required. Candidates knowing shorthand will be preferred.
 2. Accountant with at least 3 years' experience in handling books of accounts independently, in English.
 3. Driver holding Light or Heavy Licence, knowing Kuwait roads very well.
- All the above candidates should have transferable residence and should be in a position to join immediately. For appointment, please contact 2401827.

Drug addicts on the increase: psychiatrists

National anti-drugs committee proposed

A NUMBER of psychiatric specialists and consultants at the Kuwait Psychiatric Hospital denied yesterday that the Manakh crash is the primary reason for the increase in the number of psychiatric patients in Kuwait. Although they admitted that the number of such patients increased, they stressed that the issue is "overly exaggerated."

One specialist revealed that the number of people in Kuwait who have files and visit the Psychiatric Hospital and the other 15 psychiatric clinics, is more than 100,000. Another specialist said that psychological disorders in any society is between 10-20 per cent of the population and "in Kuwait we have almost the same ratio."

Director of the Psychiatric Hospital, Dr. Abdul Rahman Al Asfour, who along with the other specialists hosted at a seminar organised by an Arabic daily, admitted that drug addiction was on the increase in Kuwait, but he added that this is the case the world over. He said that the Psychiatric Hospital receives over 40,000 cases every year.

Asfour complained of the lack of public awareness towards understanding of the psychological service in Kuwait. He said that there still exists a misconception about this important branch of medicine. The people in Kuwait still think that this branch of medicine has not been upgraded or improved, while the fact is that it has been greatly developed over the past 30 years.

Now, the hospital offers very advanced services and uses computers in dealing with psychiatric patients. He announced that the authorities are currently studying the idea of forming a society for the friends of psychiatric patients in order to bridge the gap between the service and the people.

Expansion Authorities are also working to expand the psychiatric services in Kuwait and after several studies it was found that it is better to increase the number of psychiatric clinics and so far 15 centres have been commissioned outside the Psychiatric Hospital.

The idea of opening special wards at hospitals to treat psychiatric patients has now been postponed because the authorities are concentrating at present at expanding the outside centres. Asked why the private hospitals are not allowed to open wards for psychiatric patients, Asfour said that in accordance with the law such wards can open, but the problem remains in the supervision.

Many problems will arise concerning this point in which that the Psychiatric Hospital is required to supervise them leading also to administrative problems. Dr. Esam Al Ansari, a professor in psychiatric medicine said that the main problem here is in the type of drugs used for psychiatric patients. There is a continuous fear that such drugs may be misused.

Asfour admitted that addiction cases are on the increase in Kuwait and the rest of the world but added that it is not alarming in Kuwait. He said that one of the important services offered by the hospital is for addicts and that a committee has been set up at the hospital to study the addiction problem and provide solutions.

One of the committee recommendations is to divide the treatment of addicts into three stages. The first involves removing the poisons from the body for two to three weeks, followed by extensive rehabilitation programmes.

Pakistani scholarship

THE embassy of Pakistan in Kuwait has invited applications from the children of Pakistani nationals in Kuwait for one scholarship for study at the Kuwait University, offered by the Kuwait Government.

Students who have obtained more than 85 per cent marks may apply to the First Secretary at the Embassy of Pakistan, P.O. Box No. 988 - Safat, Code 13010, Kuwait, with testimonials, certificates and three copies of latest photograph by Sept. 28, 1989.

and in the final stage the rehabilitation treatment. He said that the hospital provides various types of programmes to treat addiction, but stressed that this problem is not a one-sided affair. It involves many issues including social aspects and the co-ordinated efforts of the Ministries of Education, Interior, Planning and others. He said that a recently held seminar on addiction in Kuwait proposed the establishment of a national committee for countering addiction, which is different from the drug committee. He stressed on the importance of forming this committee which can greatly help in solving addiction problems.

Standards About the standard of the psychiatric service at the hospital, Asfour stressed that the main problem at present is the buildings of the hospital. These buildings were constructed in 1958 and since then no changes were introduced. He said that the Ministry of Health formed a committee that studied the issue of the hospital buildings and the committee agreed to modernise the various wards and buildings of the hospital at stages spread over 4 to 5 years. He added that a rehabilitation centre will be established in the empty lots besides the hospital to offer entertainment services to patients. A building for the addiction clinic and 29 other offices are under construction. A new building will be also established just near the present building and the construction will begin by end of 1990 and will take 4 to 5 years to complete. He said that the hospital has 567 beds with 303 nurses. He said that in order to provide good service there should be one nurse for each bed. The ministry agreed to supply the hospital with 23 more nurses. Moreover the hospital lacks enough administrative staff though the ministry has also expressed readiness to supply the hospital with additional staff.

He said that the budget of the psychiatric services in Kuwait is about KD5 million a year, which is just 1.5 per cent of the Ministry of Health's budget. This includes costs of the patients, salaries and drugs. He added that the hospital charges non-Kuwaiti patients who have no official residence in Kuwait.

Asfour added that drugs used for psychiatric treatment are free of narcotic materials except for a very few. Also, drugs used for treatment of addiction have also been reduced for fear of any misuse. He said that the public has a misconception about the nature of drugs used for psychiatric patients that it affects the human nature and others, which is totally untrue. A field study recently carried out on some sections of Army recruits and found that 5 per cent of the those covered by the study had in their secretions some drugs that cause addiction. He emphasised that this does not mean that all of them were addicts, but some of them may have misused the drugs they were given as medication. He added that another survey study by a doctor in the Medical College on patients visiting the casualty section, showed that 13 per cent had in their secretions drugs that cause

addiction. He also stressed that does not mean that all the 13 per cent were drug addicts because some of them might have misused some medications. But Asfour said that we can not bury our heads and say that there is no addiction problem in Kuwait. The problem exists but it is not alarming and speedy solutions must be adopted to face this dangerous trend.

Dr. Saleh Al Helow, a specialist, said on his part that the number of files for psychiatric patients in Kuwait is over 100,000. He said that the increase in the number of patients could mean an increase in the psychological problems in the country or through increased awareness people now are freely go to psychiatrists. Dr. Mohammad Aref said that 40,000 patients visited the hospital last year. Many others visited the other 15 clinics outside the hospital. But he denied rumours that the Manakh crash resulted in a big increase in the number of psychiatric patients and a special ward was opened for Manakh investors. Aref admitted that any society that is subjected to crises, either economic or social, will result in increasing the number of psychiatric patients.

In a related development, Dr. Mosa Al Hammouri, head of the Rehabilitation and Nerves Unit at Paediatrics Division at Sabah Hospital said that expertise extended to patients are underestimated.

In an interview with a local daily, the official was quoted as saying that the psychological care of the mother if not properly diagnosed and addressed could lead to adverse effects on the quality of milk. This milk intake by the child could lead to psychiatric problems inherited by the mother being passed on to the new offspring. He urged early treatment of the mother suffering from any type of nervous symptoms.

Commenting, the official said that till 1988, the unit had received about 11,844 cases, of which a total of 17 per cent represented treatment directly related to hereditary factors.

He advised parents to desist from trying to treat their children who suffer from any defects on their own accord as there is every possibility that the best intentions could backfire.

Speaking of speech impediment, Hammouri said that this could be attributed to several factors, such as, poor intelligence quotient, hereditary factors, audio problems, in addition to problems related to nervous tensions. The area is quite complex, and its implications are so varied that such problems could be related to a "plethora" of reasons — both related to the mother, malformations of the embryo and an absence of a level of balance in the sentimentality process of stability amongst others.

Elucidating, he said that about 80 per cent of children suffered from different disabilities that ranged from organic, mental, psychological and social problems — the latter requires special care from the attending physician in the form of undertaking extensive studies, prior to prescribing any medication.

Iraq to propose new ideas on water project

A HIGH-LEVEL Iraqi delegation will reportedly visit Kuwait in October within the framework of Kuwait-Iraqi follow-up talks on the import of Iraqi fresh water to Kuwait.

The minister of local government in Iraq will head his country's delegation to the talks with Kuwait's Minister of Electricity and Water Dr. Homoud Abdullah Al Rqobah, well informed Iraqi sources told Seyassah.

The sources added that new proposals would be considered regarding water supplies for domestic uses, and that Iraq would request Kuwait's participation in the import of fresh water supplies from the Ghraf river near Nasiriyah — a project that would provide Basra and Kuwait with water, under one project for both countries.

Kuwait has reportedly agreed in principle to the Iraqi plan, and that the water supply for domestic uses would be increased in volume from 350 to 500 million gallons per day, and the total water supply share to Kuwait from the Ghraf river is estimated at 16 per cent.

Sources said that a number of relaying pumps would be set up along this project, which would be powered from the Iraqi power network and consume 57 megawatts. The cost would be borne by Kuwait until the proposed electrical connection between the two countries are expected to go on stream in 1993.

The physicians and technicians at the X-ray Department of Al Sabah Hospital extend condolences to their colleague Wojciech Szmigielski and his bereaved family on the demise of his father

father

May His Soul Rest in Peace

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

WHAT the government gives you, the government can take away, and once it starts taking away, it can take more than it gave — Samuel Gompers, US labour leader (1850-1924)

Pol Pot could emerge again

Ruthless dictator

POL POT, a tyrant in the eyes of much of the world, could emerge from the Cambodian shadows to rule again.

"Pol Pot could be back in power in five years," a Western diplomat said as Vietnamese forces withdrew and left ill-trained Cambodian government troops to fight the Khmer Rouge alone.

Diplomats regard the reclusive Cambodian arch-nationalist, whose 1975-1979 Khmer Rouge revolution wiped out a fifth of the population, as the shrewdest Cambodian leader alive.

"He has no match as a competent user of principles of Mao Tse-Tung and (Vietnamese general) Vo Nguyen Giap for protracted political and military war. He's in no hurry," a Bangkok-based diplomat said.

"The story is the destruction of a nation by Vietnamese imperial expansion from the east and the Thais squeezing from the other side. The Khmer Rouge embody Cambodian nationalism and they're not interested in human rights," the envoy said.

Neither the Hanoi-installed Cambodian government nor two non-communist guerrilla groups allied with the Khmer Rouge rival Pol Pot's organisation for discipline and ruthlessness in the cause of preserving Cambodia from foreign encroachment.

Weak

Analysts of Cambodian affairs dismiss US-backed forces of Prince Norodom Sihanouk and Son Sann as too weak to give Cambodia a non-communist alternative to pro-Hanoi leaders or the Khmer Rouge. Sihanouk, who was imprisoned by the Khmer Rouge in Phnom Penh after being a figurehead leader of their guerrilla drive to power from 1970 to 1975, is again allied with them.

"Sihanouk has no choice if he wants Vietnam out. He has no army or political base," a diplomat said.

Vietnam has pledged not to re-intervene after this week's withdrawal of the last elements of the invasion force that overthrew the Khmer Rouge.

In such a vacuum the Khmer Rouge would be pitted against a shaky Cambodian Army, which has seen little real action while Vietnam did the lion's share of bottling up the Khmer Rouge along the border over the past decade.

But Phnom Penh, racing time to cobble a dependable army, admits thousands of Khmer Rouge have infiltrated deep into the country.

Corruption

Diplomats detect in Phnom Penh the corruption, poor leadership and unwillingness to sacrifice that doomed the governments of Lon Nol and Sihanouk.

In Bangkok, Prasong Soonsiri, a former Thai national security chief, said the Khmer Rouge strategy could be one of patient political work, avoiding pitched battles "and waiting for a ripe fruit to fall."

How much chance does Pol Pot have?

"Who knows? He's still an enigma. There was confusion in the 1960s and 70s by everyone about his role. Everyone including Vietnam and China, got it wrong on Pol Pot," a diplomat said.

The Khmer Rouge says it has renounced communism and retired Pol Pot and other notorious figures. However, its central leadership core has remained intact since the 1960s, foiling Vietnam's attempt to root them out.

Pol Pot is the nom de guerre of Saloth Sar who has said he was born to a peasant family in Kampong Cham province in 1925. He is also called Om 87 (Uncle 87) by subordinates.

Almost a complete mystery since he took over as premier of Cambodia in April, 1975, Pol Pot said that in a classless society leaders need not be in a spotlight. In power the Khmer Rouge gave orders in the name of "Angkar Leou," the organisation.

Revolution

In haste to achieve pure communism the Khmer Rouge emptied towns, abolished money, schools and Buddhism and burned books in an agrarian revolution. Even suspected opponents were accused of being spies of Hanoi, Moscow or the West and were executed.

Cambodians generally fear any Khmer Rouge return to power.

Analysts said the radical movement might not be a monster a second time around. Sihanouk has said he thinks they could be controlled and must be included in an interim government.

"It's a self-critical group who've had 10 years to identify mistakes and probably don't want to repeat them," said an envoy.

But others shirk from suggesting Cambodia give them a second chance and see logic in Phnom Penh's call for Sihanouk to rally to its side and fight Pol Pot to the death.

"Cambodians should try to wipe the Khmer Rouge out now while they've got a chance," said a delegate to abortive peace talks in Paris last month. (Bangkok — Reuters)

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1523 — Duke of Albany lands at Dumbarton from France and begins rallying Scots against England.
- 1555 — Peace of Augsburg in Germany, whereby Lutheran religion makes significant gains and Lutheran states enjoy equal rights with Catholic states.
- 1604 — Spanish forces under Ambrogio de Spinola capture Ostend from Dutch after more than three-year siege.
- 1663 — Neuhausel, Hungary, surrenders to Turks who then threaten to invade Germany.
- 1688 — France's King Louis XIV invades Palatinat, uniting German princes against him.
- 1894 — British annex Pondoland, connecting Cape Colony and Natal in Africa.
- 1908 — Casablanca incident, in which German deserters from French Foreign Legion are taken by force from German consular official.
- 1940 — Collaborationist Quisling government is established in Norway in World War II.
- 1959 — Premier S. Bandaranaike of Ceylon is assassinated and is succeeded by W. Dahanayake.
- 1963 — Military leaders in Dominican Republic overthrow seven-month-old government of President Juan D. Bosch.
- 1966 — Two typhoons hit Japan, leaving more than 300 people dead and missing.
- 1970 — Jordan's King Hussein and Palestinian commando leaders agree on ceasefire to end fighting in Jordan.
- 1972 — Japan's Premier Kakuei Tanaka arrives in Peking, becoming first Japanese premier to set foot in China since World War II.
- 1973 — Three-man crew of US space laboratory, Skylab 2, makes safe splashdown in Pacific Ocean after record 59 days in orbit around earth.
- 1976 — Proposal for eventual black rule in Rhodesia is accepted by Rhodesia's Prime Minister Ian Smith in broadcast to his nation.
- 1984 — Jordan and Egypt resume diplomatic relations after seven-year break.
- 1986 — China and Soviet Union agree to resume talks about disputed border region after eight-year suspension.
- 1988 — Lawlessness persists in Burma, and security forces fatally wound 12 people and injure 5 others in capital of Rangoon.

Expectations raised to a high plateau

De Klerk brings with him a new style of politics

COMPARISONS with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and perestroika may be premature, but President F.W. De Klerk has brought a new style and new possibilities to South African politics.

An array of obstacles stands in the way of his professed goals of peace, justice and black-white power-sharing. Yet the fact that he states these goals, repeatedly and earnestly, sets him apart from the men who preceded him in power.

Prominent black opponents of his government are deeply skeptical, and they may be proved right. Some of them concede, however, that the government for the first time has adopted a rhetoric — if not yet a policy — that reflects some of their own hopes.

"His vision of a new South Africa... is the vision we want," said Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu, winner of the 1984 Nobel peace prize and one of the government's most persistent critics.

So sweeping are some of De Klerk's statements — no more white domination, a phasing-out of racial discrimination — that he may find he has raised expectations he cannot meet.

He acknowledged this in his inaugural speech Wednesday, saying he would not accept responsibility for "over-enthusiasm or twisted versions" of his policy.

He will be under heavy pressure to move quickly, with anti-apartheid leaders and Western governments saying they want decisive steps taken within the next several months. Among the moves De Klerk is likely to consider:

- Releasing Nelson Mandela, Walter Sisulu and other jailed leaders of the African National Congress guerrilla movement. De Klerk knows that a broad range of black leaders will refuse to negotiate on a constitution unless Mandela goes free. He is likely to approve Mandela's release despite fears in some government quarters that it could spark a wave of unrest.

- Modifying or repealing the remaining legislative cornerstones of apartheid, the laws that classify South Africans by race, allow municipalities to segregate public facilities, and establish segregated residential districts.

- The continued removal of discrimination is an important objective," De Klerk said in his inaugural speech. But he has yet to renounce his support for segregated schools and neighbourhoods.

- Lifting the state of emergency, which has been in effect since June 1986. De Klerk says he hopes to "create a climate" in which the emergency can be ended, and he already has negated some of the impact by ordering police to allow peaceful mass protest marches to take place.

But police still detain activists without charging them.

Gavin Relly, chairman of South Africa's largest conglomerate and a frequent critic of apartheid, has urged the international community to give De Klerk a chance to carry out his programme without imposing a timetable or threatening further sanctions.

"Just as Mikhail Gorbachev has found that perestroika cannot be achieved in the twinkling of an eye, and that serious attitudinal and institutional obstacles have to be confronted and gradually overcome, so De Klerk will have to confront difficulties of the same order," said Relly, chairman of the Anglo American Corp.

The weekly Mail, an anti-apartheid newspaper in Johannesburg, also likened De Klerk to Gorbachev, saying both leaders were learning that the process of reform "is not to direct change, but to ease controls and wait for the unknowable to happen."

For De Klerk, this syndrome is most evident in his decision two weeks ago, while acting president, to allow mass protest marches. Tens of thousands of people of all races have joined anti-government parades in major cities, including militants displaying banners of the African National Congress.

"Like Gorbachev, De Klerk has a security establishment who prefer the old way of doing things," said the weekly Mail. "Perhaps the biggest question is whether De Klerk shares Gorbachev's resolve and will to outmanoeuvre the 'securocrats'."

The centrepiece of De Klerk's programme is a vague proposal to negotiate a new constitution that would extend political rights to the country's 28 million blacks while protecting the 5 million whites from black domination.

In effect, De Klerk is suggesting that each racial group would have veto power over major policy decisions, with deadlocks to be broken by some sort of independent arbitrator.

It is highly unlikely that even black leaders, let alone the ANC, would accept an outcome that falls so far short of a one-person, one-vote system.

But blacks might be willing to sit down and talk if De Klerk takes the preliminary steps they have demanded — freeing Mandela, legalizing the ANC, lifting the state of emergency and restrictions on political activity.

The most powerful black moderate, Zulu leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi, said he believes that De Klerk intends to move forward.

He called on blacks to "move away from the weak position of revolution and internal violence, which can never bring victory for democracy, and move toward the politics of negotiation."

An indication of the flux in South Africa came last week in an editorial in the Kenya Times, a newspaper published by Kenya's ruling party that customarily depicts the white government in Pretoria as evil and racist. (Johannesburg, South Africa — AP)



F.W. de Klerk new vision

Civil disobedience gets a new lease on life

NON-VIOLENCE civil disobedience is enjoying a renaissance in South Africa, where Mahatma Gandhi fashioned his methods of peaceful resistance.

And although South Africa's white-led government has apparently decided to adopt an easier attitude towards anti-apartheid dissent, the civil rights movement shows no sign of relaxing its policy of peacefully breaking race laws.

Black protesters have demanded treatment at whites-only hospitals and restricted activists have risked imprisonment by appearing to speak at political rallies.

Protesters have picknicked at beaches reserved for whites, and pupils have marched to whites-only schools demanding that they be opened to all races.

The Mass Democratic Movement (MDM) has also targeted other segregated facilities such as buses, parks and swimming pools.

"Such campaigns are important components of our struggle. They are a demonstration that people are prepared to fight," said Murphy Morobe, leader of the MDM, a dissident coalition that launched a defiance campaign in August against apartheid and the exclusion of the black majority from elections won by the white National Party this month.

"We can no longer let apartheid ruin our lives, nor accept segregation and racial division," Morobe told Reuters.

The present defiance campaign has been caused partly by the repression of emergency rule and the high-handedness (with which the government deals with dissent and dissent," said Robert Schrire, a Cape Town political scientist.

"It helps to highlight the desperate situation South Africa finds itself in to solve the political logjam," he added.

Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee said in a statement that the government, while respecting the right of peaceful protest, must always uphold law and order.

"The right to hold meetings is therefore not unlimited. It must take into account the laws of the land, including the right of other persons to safety, physical integrity and free movement," he said.

President F.W. de Klerk, confirmed as head of state after the poll, said that even the go-ahead for mass marches and black political funerals which earlier would have been banned by the authorities.

Dissidents dismiss this apparent change, saying the detention of activists continues unabated and that De Klerk's vague reform plans to give blacks some political power are insufficient for them to abandon their campaign.

Non-violent resistance in South Africa goes back to the days when Gandhi, working as a young lawyer in Natal province, developed a policy of civil disobedience which would later succeed in the struggle to end British rule in his native India.

Gandhi spearheaded campaigns in South Africa between 1906 and 1914 against a decree that ethnic Indians should be fingerprinted and carry registration certificates at all times.

His campaign ended inconclusively, and the next milestone came in 1952 when the African National Congress (ANC) nationalist group launched the defiance of unjust laws campaign.

Nearly 8,500 volunteers were arrested as protesters led by Nelson Mandela deliberately broke apartheid laws, usually by occupying premises or facilities reserved for another race.

"The 1952 defiance campaign managed to involve people even in the rural and farm areas... that allowed the democratic movement to grow even stronger," said campaign veteran Ntshato Motlana, now a community leader in Soweto black township.

He said the protest transformed the ANC, nowdays the main group fighting white rule from exile in Zambia, into a mass organisation which forged links between anti-apartheid groups.

The campaign was halted in 1953 after the outbreak of violence in Eastern Cape Province and the government's introduction of a law which made it a heavily punishable offence to stage such protests.

With the exception of a disastrous demonstration in 1960 against a law which banned carrying of pass books (compulsory for blacks), non-violent civil disobedience was brought to a standstill until this year.

The 1960 campaign ended in a bloodbath when police shot dead 69 protesters who left their pass books at home and presented themselves with thousands of others for arrest at a police station in Sharpeville, south of Johannesburg.

Mandela was jailed for life in 1964 for plotting to overthrow white rule.

Draconian laws against public assembly, culminating in 1986 with a state of emergency, and the banning of anti-apartheid groups and activists, have since nipped protest in the bud.

Many observers believe the present MDM defiance campaign has reached its goal of highlighting what many see as the futility of an election or apartheid reforms which exclude the black majority.

"Foreign governments are reacting more to the unelected leaders than to the elected government. Foreign policy is shaped by the sit-ins, the swim-ins, the marches and the demonstrations," the influential Business Day newspaper said.

Even when De Klerk launched a pre-election drive to meet several black African leaders, his trips and discussions were overshadowed by reports of Cape Town police turning water cannons filled with purple dye on defiant protesters.

"To disobey laws that are fundamentally unjust is morally imperative. Not to destroy unjust laws is to collaborate with them," said Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu, one of the key supporters of the campaign. (Johannesburg — Reuters).

Amethi finds new prosperity

THE road to Amethi is choked with trucks carrying construction materials. Factories, schools and other buildings are springing up in the former princely state.

Ten years ago Amethi was a cluster of villages in the dusty plains of the northern state of Uttar Pradesh. Businessmen used to shudder at the idea of investing in what they regarded as a rural backwater.

Amethi now boasts India's first radio telephone system linking villages. In other parts of Uttar Pradesh many villages have never seen a telephone. The key to Amethi's new found prosperity is its Member of Parliament, Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

Businessmen, officials and Uttar Pradesh's vast and ponderous administration now look on Amethi with a benevolent eye.

The Amethi seat was previously held by Gandhi's younger brother, Sanjay, who won it in 1980. Before his death in a plane crash in 1981, Sanjay had been regarded as India's fastest rising political star.

Rajiv, who first won the seat in a by-election in 1982, will be returning to Amethi to seek re-election in national elections due in December.

Ajay Singh, opposition leader and member of the state legislative council, concedes Gandhi should have no difficulty in winning.

But Sanjay Singh, scion of the local princely family and a former Gandhi ally, has vowed to dislodge the prime minister even though he himself is fighting to stay out of jail.

Sanjay Singh is accused of plotting to kill five-times Indian badminton champion Syed Modi.

Singh, 35, claims he has been framed by Gandhi because he left the Congress (I) Party in 1987 and

joined the opposition.

His supporters say the case is aimed at undercutting Singh's influence in the area to ensure an easy election win for Gandhi.

Singh, released on bail while the court case continues, is continuing his political campaign against Gandhi.

"I will get the sympathy vote because people know it is a false case," Singh said in an interview.

Singh's family wields enormous power in Amethi but political analysts say that ranged against him is the might of the Congress political machine and the huge investments private companies have made, creating a pocket of prosperity in an otherwise backward state.

"Ten years ago there was nothing here. Now I can't find the plot of land I owned," said Ali Raza, 80, pointing to a huge fertilizer factory in Jagdishpur.

Across the street is a plant manufacturing electric insulators and employing more than 1,000 people.

Ram Lakhan Tiwari, a Congress activist, said: "All progress here is because of Rajiv. There were no roads here, no tubewells. Now you can see the progress Amethi has made."

What works against Gandhi are local issues. Peasants are upset that roads in villages are still in bad shape and that irrigation is inadequate. They say the high technology radio telephone symbolises wastage.

In many villages arials have been installed for the telephone system but there are no phones.

Raj Karan, a tea-stall owner in Pannpur village, said: "What use are these poles to us? Who are we going to talk to when the phone comes?" (Amethi, India — Reuters).

Art Buchwald

Puzzling fashion

ONE of the things I enjoy most in the fall is looking at the men's fashion supplements in the magazines and newspapers. I study them faithfully in the hope that I can find out what I should be wearing in the months to come.

I must admit that I am puzzled about what the supplements show. A jacket looks as if it's falling off the model's shoulders, the pants are tumbling down to his knees, the shirt is wrinkled, and the sleeves are so long you can't see the man's fingers.

Every suit looks as if it was just unpacked from a duffel bag, as does the person who is wearing it. Page after page is filled with men whose overcoats hang down to their ankles and whose hats fall over their ears. In most cases, there is a jazy girl in the picture hanging on for dear life to the man's scarf.

There isn't an outfit in the supplements that anyone would buy. So, I ask myself, who purchases these creative works of tailoring?

To get the answer, I went to see Gerry of Georgetown, a hot haberdasher, who is a fifth cousin to Louis of Boston.

"Gerry, I just looked through this fancy men's magazine and it seems to feature clothing for the homeless. Who buys this stuff?"

Gerry said: "Nobody. It's aimed at kids on trust funds who hang out in discotheques all night long before their parents are divorced."

"Why would they produce clothes like this if no one buys them?"

Gerry took me into a fitting room and whispered: "They don't manufacture those kind of clothes. They're not idiots."

"If they don't make the clothes, who do they advertise them?"

"Because they need something new to display. People are not going to be attracted to an ad showing ordinary clothes like the ones they wear to work. In real life, every man's suit looks like every other man's suit. So, they make up one of each of these KGB monstrosities and they put them in the supplement. If anyone calls to inquire about one, they hang up on him."

"How do they get that rumpled, washed-out, down-and-out look in the sports jackets?"

"I don't know about the rest of the menswear tycoons, but I have a friend who throws his clothes onto the Garden State Parkway in New Jersey and lets the eight-wheel tractor-trailers do his pressing for him."

"No wonder they look so great in the ads."

"My friend is a trend-setter in the men's fashion business. He was the first one to develop a necktie that looked as if the person wearing it was hanging himself with a noose."

"Do the manufacturers ever advertise anything in a supplement that a man can actually wear?"

"I've never seen it. You have to get it out of your head that just because you see men's clothing in a magazine doesn't mean it fits."

"Anything to do with what you are expected to wear in this winter. If you attempted to wear any of these, you'd lose your arms in the sleeves, trip over your baggy pants and kill yourself with your belt buckle."

"I'm glad that you explained it to me, otherwise I would have thought I was weird."

"If you try on one of those corduroy, double-breasted off-the-collar, silhouette suits — then you'll know what weird really is."

Los Angeles Times Syndicate

Quote me

"I still think I've something to offer at 35 and intend to play regularly until we find something who is better than me." — former England international and currently player-manager of Queens Park Rangers, Trevor Francis after scoring a hat-trick in a win against Aston Villa.

"We have absolutely no concessions to make to the other side while the other side has made no concession. With regard to the Khmer Rouge, we cannot make any concessions at all. If we are not sure of the elimination of the Pol Pot regime, we cannot make any further move." — Cambodian Premier Hun Sen on the need for dismantling the Khmer Rouge.

"Many people in Spain, particularly on the left, were embarrassed by the deal which they saw as the final act of the old regime." — A Spanish political analyst on the ending of administration of the Spanish Sahara to Morocco under the Madrid Accords of 1976.

"If I've lost friends now, they were friends I didn't need," he said. "In Jamaica, we say there are two types of friends: the ones who help you plant trees and the ones who just come to sit under them." — Canadian Ben Johnson when asked recently about his life now, cited a Jamaican proverb.

"The IRA is being contained and kept under relentless pressure by intelligence penetration. This policy must remain infinitely more cost-effective — and protective of life — than encircling defence installations in rings of steel." — Daily Telegraph on the activities of the IRA after the explosion at a marine barracks in England.

"I think the government has bitten off more than it can chew by inviting us along to watch. I don't think anyone's trying to deceive us, but the organisation just isn't there to let us know enough about what we see." — an invited observer to the Vietnamese pullout from Cambodia expressing surprise at secret pullout of military equipment.

"There is no way we can accept the 10-point plan without including clearly and explicitly the need for the Palestine Liberation Organisation to take part in the political process on an equal footing with the other parties." — underground leaders of the Palestinian uprising criticising Egyptian proposals for peace talks with Israel.

"If a person stays in the same place for a long time, to some it's unusual, to others it causes a lot of jealousy, still to others a lot of speculation, and that is what is happening. You will find newspapers headlined 'Contender to the throne disposes of a rival.' Instead of getting angry you laugh." — Kadzandra denying she has political ambitions after President Banda of Malawi.

"Very few composers have come to touch the soul of a nation, reflecting its spirits and traditions. Mr Berlin ranks among such composers, having become a living legend." — US President George Bush paying tribute to songwriter Irving Berlin who died Friday.

"We are deeply saddened by the death of a wonderfully talented man whose musical genius delighted and stirred millions and will live on forever." — former US President Ronald Reagan and wife Nancy paying tributes to Irving Berlin.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

High US interest rates hit Third World

Sustained growth doubtful for many indebted countries

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24 (Reuters). Top economic policymakers looked forward today to an eighth straight year of global growth but faced some problems—an unruly dollar, big trade imbalances between nations and a heavily indebted Third World.

Although economic growth will slow this year and next, a world recession looks unlikely, the International Monetary Fund said in its semi-annual outlook today.

"The staff's projections envisage a continuation of the recovery that began late in 1982, one of the longest on record," said the fund, the policeman of the world economy.

It forecast that the global economy will grow about three per cent both this year and next after expanding four per cent in 1988.

The group of 10—Belgium, Britain, Canada, France, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Sweden, the United States and West Germany, plus Switzerland—said today they too were optimistic provided inflation can be kept in check.

But the IMF saw some problems ahead as its policy-making interim committee met today.

The most pressing is the strong dollar, which has risen more than 10 per cent this year and threatens to undermine efforts to put lopsided world trade back into better balance.

The IMF forecast that the US trade deficit and the Japanese and West German trade surpluses will expand next year, partly because of the strength of the dollar.

The Group of Seven (G-7) industrial nations, which form the core of the IMF's interim committee, yesterday said they were opposed to any further rise in the currency.

The group—Britain, Canada, France, Italy, Japan, the United States and West Germany—also made clear that they were willing to back up those words with actions in the currency markets

Accord derailed: Mubarak

CAIRO, Sept. 24 (Reuters). Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak was quoted today as saying the IMF had derailed progress towards an accord on economic reform by introducing unreasonable last-minute demands.

In an interview with the Washington Post in Cairo, Mubarak said the International Monetary Fund had asked Egypt to impose tougher measures than those agreed in July.

"We can't do it. We know our people and there is a limit," Mubarak was quoted as saying in a text of the interview made available to Reuters.

"I am keen on reforms but if the people start rioting, it will be a setback for all the reforms."

In July, both the IMF and Egyptian officials said they were optimistic about prospects for an accord after Cairo announced plans to cut its budget deficit—a key IMF demand.

But hopes of an early agreement have receded after two other IMF demands—for exchange rate reform and a rise in interest rates—appeared to be greater sticking points than expected.

Economic experts say Egypt may now have to wait until the beginning of next year before a deal can be signed.

Egypt needs IMF approval of its economic reform programme before it can reschedule some of its \$50 billion in foreign debt.

But it is resisting IMF pressure for speedy reform, fearing that discontent about low wages, rising prices and food shortages could erupt into full-scale riots.

by selling dollars. But even some G-7 policymakers admitted that there is only so much they can do.

"I've said on a number of occasions that the G-7 and central banks—we don't control the market. The market controls the level of the currency," Canadian Finance Minister Michael Wilson said.

The G-7 has been arguing that the dollar should be lower to help reduce yawning world trade gaps, but so far the market has ignored it, instead focusing on the healthy US economy and high US interest rates.

G-7 sources said the group did not even discuss what some currency dealers say is the key to bringing down the dollar—lower interest rates in the United States and higher rates in Japan and West Germany. Lower US rates would make the dollar a less attractive currency for investors to hold.

The high US interest rates are also hurting the debt-ridden nations of the Third World, most

of whose borrowings are in dollars.

"Seven years after the onset of the debt crisis, the prospects for a sustained improvement in growth remain in doubt for many indebted developing countries," the IMF said.

The world's poorer nations yesterday called on the rich to do more to ease the crushing burden of Third World debt.

But major nations said they were already doing all they can and urged their international creditor banks to do more.

The fund said developing countries can do more to help themselves by putting their economies into better shape.

That was the same advice the G-7 gave to Poland, urging it to reach an early agreement with the IMF on economic policy.

Despite G-7 nations' protestations that their power is limited when it comes to debt and the dollar, they have squabbled over their respective rankings in the fund.

Japan wants to buy itself a number two spot at the IMF, jumping past France, West Germany and Britain to end up behind the United States.

Growth among developing nations is expected to rebound in 1990 to four per cent after slowing to 3.2 per cent this year from 4.2 per cent in 1988, the IMF said.

But the picture for heavily indebted nations and low-income African countries is not as rosy, the report said.

Growth in the heavily indebted developing countries has remained non-satisfactory, and it is now expected to slow from two per cent in 1988 to one per cent this year," IMF research director Jacobo Frenkel said at a news conference.

"There is a substantial risk, therefore, that these countries' performances will improve only slowly during the period ahead," he added.

Gross national product, the total output of goods and services, among the industrial nations should grow by 3.5 per cent in 1989 and slow to nearly three per cent in 1990. That compares with a nearly 4.5 per cent growth rate in 1988.

The IMF cautioned the industrial nations against substantially lowering interest rates even though it said a rise in world interest rates has hurt growth in developing countries. It argued that, with many industrial economies near full output capacity, lower rates would spur inflation.

Given the potential costs of a return to high inflation, a significant relaxation of monetary policy in the industrial countries would seem unwarranted," the IMF said.

Inflation among the industrial nations is expected to slow to 3.9 per cent in 1990 from 4.5 per cent this year, it said.

The IMF also said it was worried that the process of correcting trade imbalances among the industrial nations has slowed and in some cases stopped.



World Bank head Barber Conable (left) and International Monetary Fund president Michel Camdessus talk prior to the start of the Group of 24 meeting at the IMF building in Washington Sept. 23. (Reuters wirephoto)

IMF renews support for Brady plan

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24 (UPI). Top officials of the International Monetary Fund voiced renewed support today for US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady's debt reduction plan for developing nations, urging commercial banks to remain active participants in the debt strategy.

The Group of 10, which oversees borrowing from the IMF's \$120 billion fund built up by the quota contributions of its 151 member nations, also echoed the global economic outlook expressed

yesterday by the Group of Seven largest industrialised nations, which pledged to hold the dollar and inflation in check.

During the IMF's annual meeting, the finance ministers and central bank governors of the G-10 countries, "reviewed the debt situation of the developing countries and reaffirmed their support for the strengthened debt strategy" launched by Brady, a statement issued after the morning session said.

The group "welcomed the progress made in the implemen-

tation" of the Brady plan, which provides a framework for debtor countries and banks to reduce the Third World debt burden by loan forgiveness, rescheduling payments at lower interest rates and new loans. Mexico and its commercial creditors signed a Brady pact in July.

The G-10 statement included an apparent effort to overcome doubts voiced in financial circles as to the Brady plan's viability following last week's round of loan loss reserve increases by US banks.

Banks may intervene to stem the US dollar

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24 (Reuters). Leading central banks are expected to intervene strongly to stem the dollar when currency markets open tomorrow, but caution among traders could be short-lived, market analysts said today.

The Group of Seven leading industrial democracies voiced its strongest disapproval over the strong dollar in more than a year after its finance ministers and central bank governors met in Washington yesterday.

The US currency has risen 17 per cent against the Japanese yen and 10 per cent over the West German mark this year, threatening to undermine efforts to correct lopsided world trade.

Traders said they expected members of the group—the United States, Japan, West Germany, France, Britain, Italy and Canada—to redouble efforts to dampen the dollar by intervening aggressively to sell the currency, probably as soon as Asia-Pacific markets open tomorrow.

"Monday will be D-day," said a trader at one European bank. "After this comment, the Bank of Japan will be in the market."

A US trader said the United States Federal Reserve "will probably be in the market in the Far East tomorrow."

Concerted Central Bank intervention will instill some fear into the market tomorrow.

New factory

BAGHDAD, Iraq, Sept. 24 (AP). Iraq today opened a 2 million dinar (\$5 million) factory in Alexandria, 38 miles (60 kilometres) south of Baghdad, to build engines for tractors.

The plant was built by the state-run Automobile Manufacturing Enterprise and will produce about 10,000 diesel engines a year for tractors assembled in a nearby plant. Design expertise and know-how were supplied by the Turkish company Yazici.

KD deposit rates ease

KUWAIT, Sept. 24 (Reuters). Kuwaiti dinar interbank deposits eased in quiet trade today in response to a continuing influx of liquidity from end-of-month salary payments.

Dealers said the Central Bank was still offering government treasury bills on the secondary market but banks were not buying. Rates had firmed yesterday after many operators took the bills, draining excess liquidity.

"People are not very interested because the Central Bank rates are so low today," one dealer said.

Overnight was offered at 6-1/4 per cent. Tomorrow next fell one point to 7-1/2, 6-1/2 while spot next eased to eight, seven from 8-1/2, 7-3/4. The one-week declined 1/2 point to eight, 7-1/2 per cent.

One-month deposits eased 1/4 point to 8-1/4, eight while three-months slipped 3/16 point to 8-3/8, 1/8. Six-months to one-year were little changed at 8-1/2, 1/4.

The Central Bank left its dinar exchange rate unchanged as normal today at 0.29992/02.

Interest Rates

KUWAIT, Sept. 24 (Kuna). Following are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait today.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	8-1/8	8-7/16
3 months	8-3/16	8-1/2
6 months	8-1/4	8-1/2
1 year	8-1/4	8-1/2

Oil demand soars

Opec still needs to assign quotas

GENEVA, Sept. 24 (Reuters). The world has suddenly rediscovered a thirst for oil but Opec, meeting in Geneva today didn't look as if it was about to hit consumers with a swinging new price rise.

At most, oil market analysts predicted, the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries might add a dollar a barrel or so in coming months to world crude oil prices—now averaging \$17 compared with almost 40 a decade ago.

But such were the differences among the 13 exporters that the talks' outcome could even be a slight softening of prices.

"Where's the price resistance right now? It's here," said Peter Gignoux, director at the international energy department of finance and trading house Shearson Lehman Hutton Inter-

national, who was present in Geneva.

The ministers have before them a report presented when the talks opened yesterday by their Vienna-based secretariat which conference sources said shows that demand for Opec oil has rebounded to 22 million barrels daily.

That is up by nearly a million on estimates made only a few months ago. Gasoline demand in the United States is strong. Asia's economies are booming.

"And the first thing that anyone who gets a little bit richer does is go out and buy a car," Gignoux added.

Instead of cashing in, Opec is beset by problems inherited from the glut of the mid-1980s which it caused when it sent prices sky-high and stampeded consumers

out of oil and into coal and gas—and into a drive for energy efficiency.

Even with oil demand rebounding, Opec still needs to assign output quotas to its members to keep prices up. But the basis on which these quotas are allocated has been challenged by some producers.

They say their mandated volumes are unjustly low, given their huge oil reserves. Others have refused to give up market share to accommodate them.

That infuriates poorer, debt-laden Opec nations like Algeria and Venezuela—they have faced riots against economic austerity in the past year—because the excess supply has kept prices below a declared Opec goal of \$18 per barrel.

Police close food processing firms

AMMAN, Jordan, Sept. 24 (AP). Police have closed 14 food processing firms and arrested 95 people in a case involving stolen vegetable oil smuggled in sewage trucks, a Health Ministry official said today.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the contaminated oil had "led to some food poisoning cases," but he would not reveal the number of cases or give details.

He said the Health Ministry found proof of contaminated oil at nine of 14 local factories investigated. He said the plants produced potato chips, sweets and baked goods.

He said the nine plants were ordered closed, along with five other shut down a precautionary measure

until "ongoing thorough investigations bring out final evidence."

Officials have been tight-lipped about details of the case, and have not revealed the names of the shops closed or the people arrested. Local newspapers said rumours of the case had led to a sharp drop in sales of pastries and potato chips in Amman.

An Interior Ministry statement released today said the oil, originated in Europe, was diverted from Iraq-bound shipments unloaded at Jordan's Red Sea port of Aqaba and was shipped to Amman in sewage tankers to avoid detection.

It said 95 people had been arrested and 345 tons of oil confiscated, along with the trucks that transported it.

Gulf banks stop forward trading in Indian rupee

KUWAIT, September 24: Several banks in the Gulf have stopped forward transactions in Indian rupees, following the steady depreciation of the currency, according to Economic Times.

Cheques, drafts and other documents drawn in Indian rupees and submitted for clearing or discounting at a number of banks across the Gulf, are being processed only on a collection basis by financing institutions, which are unwilling to take any chances with the exchange rates for the rupee.

Banks in the United Arab Emirates, where the bulk of the rupee transactions in the Gulf are concentrated, said the Indian currency touched an all-time low of dirhams (DH) 218.5 per thousand rupees last Monday.

A half dirham recovery later in the week was dismissed as inconsequential and bankers said the Reserve Bank of India's announcement on Wednesday, fixing new rates against the sterling and pushing the rupee downward by 25 paise did not inspire confidence in the currency.

Banks are unwilling to quote forward rates before processing documents on collection basis because they argue that forward trans-

actions in rupees in the last one year and more have cost them dearly, thanks to the steady depreciation of the rupee.

Despite their best efforts at hedging, banks in the Gulf region have not been able to deal effectively with changes in rupee value. Non-resident Indians (NRIs) with stock market investments here are in a quandary as a result of the decision by several banks to deal with documents only on collection basis.

With banks, on which dividend drafts are drawn, refusing to quote rates for crediting them, other agencies are charging heavily for the service of sending drafts for collection.

An NRI here, who recently credited his dividend draft for \$38, found to his dismay that \$25 out of this figure had been wiped off as collection charges.

This is good news, however, for NRI investment advisors who are suddenly in demand for advice on a way out of this situation. Several NRIs in the Gulf said they had already asked advisers to help in having dividends credited to their non-residential external accounts in India instead of receiving the money abroad.

Bankers in the Gulf said bills and other trade documents were also being increasingly processed only when they were submitted for collection. They are worried that discounting of documents on the basis of a forward transaction in rupees will entail substantial loss of funds in view of the continuing erosion of the value of the Indian currency.

Some banks in this region have gone to the extent of advising their large customers about trade transactions with India to avoid opening letters of credit. They argue that with the steady fall of the rupee, they stand to gain in trade deals by paying for goods at sight instead of through letters of credit.

Since late 1988, bankers in the Gulf stopped dealing in the Lebanese pound after the currency failed to stand up to a severe battering in exchange markets, a spin-off of the civil war in that country.

In most states in the Gulf it is now impossible even to send a remittance in Lebanese pounds because few foreign exchange dealers are willing to either buy or sell the currency. The situation, with regard to the Indian rupee is, however, nowhere nearly as bad, Gulf bankers said.

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Terror stalks a star

Race against time

He wants to kill me

Pregnant actress Theresa Saldana is in a race against time... a race in which she must win. For losing could lead in death for her and her baby, due in September.

Theresa, aged 34, has nine months to stop the man who savagely attacked her seven years ago from being released from prison. Just nine months to ensure he does not carry out his threats to kill her and her child.

Campaign
After that time Scottish drifter Arthur Jackson is due to be released from jail. Meanwhile, Theresa is fervently staging a campaign to keep him behind bars. But as each day passes, she believes his reign of terror looms closer.

Theresa, who played Robert de Niro's sister-in-law in the movie *Raging Bull*, told me: "I've tried very hard to put this behind me, but there's no way I can do that when Jackson gets out."

"I won't have a minute's peace. He wants to kill me — and my child. I am scared, scared for myself and my family."

For, ever since Jackson was jailed, he has been writing threatening letters.

Theresa went on from her Hollywood home, the address of which she keeps secret. "He has said he will find me no matter where I hide, and no FBI agent or bulletproof vest will save me, either."

"Jackson told me his divine mission in life is to murder me. He has this sick idea that we should be in heaven together."

Theresa's attitude also claims that "he hears her voice in his cell" and has a "sacred death wish."

"My husband, Phil Peters, has been very supportive and kept me sane. But even he is worrying now."

Release due
Jackson, who has served seven years of a sentence of 10 years and four months for the attempted murder of Theresa, was due to be released on parole for good behavior in June this year.

Theresa explained: "When I heard this I was terrified and angry. Terrified because of what Jackson said he was planning to do to me, and angry because some crazy guy like him was going to let loose on the streets."

"It's grossly unjust. If he is well-behaved, he can be released on parole. Meanwhile, he has threatened me for years. Jackson has said, over and over again to anyone who'll listen, that he's planning to kill me."

A few days before Jackson was to be let out of Vacaville jail, California, he lost his parole because of bad behaviour. Now Theresa has nine months reprieve as Jackson serves his extra time. It is not long, but she hopes it is long enough for her to win her fight to keep Jackson locked away for good.

She said: "Now I know he's behind bars for a little longer. I can sleep easier. I can have my baby in peace this September. I have suffered enough anguish, and I want the first few months after the birth to be stress-free."

"Once we settle into normal family life, I shall vigorously promote my campaign to keep Jackson in jail. It's not long I know. I just hope the legislation to keep him locked away will be started out by next year. My priority is to keep my family safe."

Legal battle
"Everyone is on my side, even the prison officials. There has been a national outcry over my predicament. But I have a lot of technical legal hitches to overcome before I can relax."

Theresa explained that the District Attorney for Los Angeles, Ira Reiner, is investigating the situation. He is planning to draw up emergency legislation in a bid to keep Jackson locked away either in prison or a mental hospital.

If the campaign is not successful, the fear that has filled the days and nights of Theresa's life in the past few months will return.

Theresa's nightmare began in 1982. Jackson, who has an obsession with her after watching *Raging Bull*, slashed her from "head to toe" with a kitchen knife as she left the West Hollywood apartment from which she has since moved.

She was rescued by a deliveryman who grabbed Jackson and held him until the police arrived. Theresa, who lost 24 pints of blood, was rushed to hospital where surgeons operated for four hours.

"I remember very little about the attack," she said. "I have blanked most of it from my mind because it is too painful a memory."

Rebuilt
"I have had to rebuild my life and try to carry on as normal. It has been a struggle, but I have pulled through. And I'm not going to let a crazy man ruin my life again."

After *Raging Bull*, Theresa played in *Defiance*, opposite Jan Michael Vincent, and *I Wanna Hold Your Hand*, about the Beatles. Theresa, who has also appeared on several American TV series, has recently finished the film *Angel Town*.

Theresa met her husband Phil after the attack. She said: "He has been great. If it weren't for him, I would be much more upset, much more anxious."

"He has taken care of me emotionally, which has taken a tremendous burden off my shoulders. I think I would crack up without him by my side."

"Phil made me feel optimistic about the future. In fact, life was just getting back to normal when the prison authorities announced Jackson was to be released."

Plans to deport
Immigration officials are interested in Jackson, too. There are plans to deport him to England, where he is wanted to help police with their inquiries in connection with a murder case.

But a deportation hearing could be months away. And Jackson will be free, if he can pay a bond, fixed after his release.

Theresa said angrily: "He's a tremendous danger, not just to me but society in general. But because of ludicrous technical hitches in the law, Jackson will be allowed to terrorise people."

Mr. Reiner said, however, that Jackson was not in violation of the law by making threats to Theresa. He added that prisoners can write to whoever they want to, and Jackson can only serve time on the conviction the court imposed.

But Mr. Reiner stressed that, if Jackson went anywhere near Theresa or had any type of contact with her, he would be sent back to jail.

Despite Jackson's campaign of terror, Theresa refuses to hire bodyguards or install an expensive security system, like many frightened Hollywood stars.

She explained: "Jackson is the crazy one and I don't see why I should be guarded at my expense or my family's. I don't see why we should spend our hard-earned cash because of a maniac who should be behind bars."

"It makes more sense that Jackson should be kept in a safe place rather than us being surrounded by burly bodyguards and wire fences. My home is not a prison and I don't want it to be one, ever."

Safe
Meanwhile, Theresa can relax with Phil and prepare for the birth of her baby. At present, she is safe in her secret haven, which is a world apart from Vacaville prison.

But only for a while. Niggling at the back of her mind is the terrible thought that Jackson could soon be free. So, even if it takes every hour of the day, Theresa says she will fight to keep her attacker under lock and key.

She told me: "I think he is sick, and sick people should be locked up. He tried to kill me once and I vow that he will never get close enough to try it again."



Saldana: scared actress

Tin soldier in tinseltown Enter the dragon

ONE simple flaw in an entryphone could have led to the murder of actress Rebecca Schaeffer. So says bodyguard to the stars, Doug Collins who is warning stars to make sure their entryphones are working. One faulty wire could mean death.

Rebecca was shot down on her own doorstep when she answered the door to a mystery caller. The intercom linking her Hollywood apartment to the entrance of her building was not working. So the 21-year-old TV star answered the door to her killer.

Doug, whose clients have included Madonna, Michael Jackson, Sophia Loren and Robert Redford, was speaking for the whole Hollywood community when he expressed shock and outrage at the senseless killing.

"This is the first time it has happened to somebody appearing on the horizon," he said. "Before, it was famous people like John Lennon and Sharon Tate. But this is the first time that it's been a newcomer. This has never happened before — it has terrified the town."

Minding
Doug, who has never lost a client in 14 years of minding, revealed to me that he is protecting two starlets who have asked for his help in the wake of Rebecca's cold killing.

"Since Rebecca's murder, most starlets are petrified," he said. Given the nature of secrecy that goes hand in hand with Doug's job, he could not tell me the name of his new charges.

The man now being held for Rebecca's murder had been tracking her for months. He had even gone to a detective agency to trace the object of his obsession. Tragically, the agency believed he was sincere and gave out her address. "It could happen again," said Doug. "You can cross-check a name on a computer easily. Stars cannot do anything about it."

Doug, who delivered divorce papers for Joan Collins to Peter Holm, feels the US gun laws have a lot to answer for. "How can these sick people get guns?" he said. "Why are they allowed to purchase weapons? Only law-enforcement representatives should carry guns, as opposed to the general

populace buying a weapon through someone down a back alley."

Such a revision of the American right to bear arms would mean that Doug, who sometimes sports a .357 on his hip, would himself be unarmed. He has said in the past that such a weapon "is going to go where you aim it."

But this 6ft 3in former lifeguard and marine captain is a gentle giant. His style of approach is summed up by his words to Moonlighting star Bruce Willis: "Stay with Daddy at all times. That's all you have to do."

Parental tone
And it is a parental tone that Doug is using now on anxious starlets in Hollywood. "Don't talk to strangers," he tells them as well as ordering them to travel incognito.

Doug, who has also taken care of Barbara Streisand, Princess Stephanie of Monaco and Mohammed Ali, explains how he keeps guard of his eminent employers. "You have to know the person's activities and have a plan so that they are isolated," he says. "It comes down to one thing — you are a deterrent. You really have to walk a thin line between paranoia and common sense."

"The man in the Rebecca Schaeffer case appeared normal and it was in a low-key neighbourhood, full of middle-class families — not like a typical Hollywood area."

The man nicknamed the Silver Stallion by some of his clients believes the current fear in the showbiz capital of the world is not temporary. One big problem, he says, is "copycat crime." He told me: "What is so tragic is there are other psychopaths who are motivated by acts of violence and they imitate."

Doug's wisdom comes from 14 years of experience with some of the world's top celebrities. But he regards TV stars as particularly venerable. "If you're on TV, you're in the person's home," he says. "Michael J. Fox was in a TV series for seven years and received 5,000 letters from one fan. As far as she was concerned, he was hers."

The woman in question was apprehended and imprisoned for harassment.

"TV stars are more worried — and with

justification, as you can see from the Dallas incident," says Doug, referring to the day a gunman burst on to the set of the popular series looking for actor Ken Kercheval, who plays Cliff Barnes. The man, Ed Phillips, was a business associate of Kercheval and had every intention of killing him. In the end, he turned the gun on himself.

By a bizarre coincidence, this incident happened in the same week as Rebecca's murder. Her killer also tried to kill himself once he had gunned her down. The 19-year-old man had told a friend he intended to harm Rebecca because she did not answer his phone calls.

Such an obsession is frightening familiar to Raging Bull actress Theresa Saldana — and her fear is doubly justified.

In 1982 she was slashed by a crazed knife man. The attack left her gravely ill, losing 24 pints of blood and having to undergo surgery for the gashes inflicted by a man who thinks he and Theresa should be in heaven together.

Now, as the birth of her first child approaches, Theresa is fighting against the release of that man from jail.

Star stalkers
Theresa and Rebecca are not the first stars to have killers or potential killers trail them. Jodie Foster, Oscar-winning star of *The Accused*, made a deep impression on one man with her performance as a child prostitute in *Taxi Driver*. The man was John Hinckley, who attempted to assassinate Ronald Reagan when he was President. He thought it would please the woman he idolised.

Linda Gray and Cher have both paid the price of success. Linda had to make an entire series of Dallas under armed guard and Cher was forced to sell her Los Angeles mansion because a fan kept trying to get in.

Olivia Newton-John turned her California ranch into a fortress when a trespasser threatened her.

Doug Collins had to move into the Los Angeles home of Ringo Starr and his family after John Lennon was murdered outside his New York home by Mark Chapman, who believed himself to be the real Lennon, and his victim an impostor.

A gunman shot dead two unarmed security guards at the Universal Film Studios last year. He was looking for TV actor Michael Landon, star of *Highway to Heaven*. Doug remembers the incident with bitterness: "That man cannot stand trial for the murders because of his mental incompetence."

Doug's hope of an America with restricted gun use look unlikely in an atmosphere where the attempt on Landon's life saw a boost in membership of the Beverly Hills Gun Club, founded by Rambo actor Sylvester Stallone.

And with FBI estimates of 24,000 "celebrity stalkers" in the US, it is no wonder stars want to be quick on the draw...



Doug with Princess Anne

Trends

Tap pyramid power: pay up

Growing mystique

GIZA PLATEAU, Egypt, Sept 24, (AP). Some chant. Some meditate. Some dance. Some sit in the lotus position and hum.

Every year hundreds of seekers of the occult trek to Giza plateau to absorb the mystical forces said to be inside the pyramids of Pharaohs Cheops, Chephren and Mycerinus.

Believers say pyramid power can cure a host of ills, give glimpses into the future, provide a better night's sleep and even halt ageing. And it's all been free for the taking, included in the price of tourist ticket to the pyramids, three Egyptian pounds (\$1.20).

Under new rules, pyramids aficionados need more than their faith in the supernatural to tap into the pyramid mainline. They also need money.

Zahi Hawass, Giza plateau's director-general, said groups of up to 15 people are allowed "to meditate or seek extrasensory powers" in the pyramids for 1,000 Egyptian pounds (\$400) and only outside normal tourist hours. Each extra participant pays 50 pounds (\$20).

Newly installed television monitors allow inspectors to stop group meditation during regular hours to prevent clogging of narrow passageways and chambers.

Hawass said seven to eight groups ask permission each month to conduct seances inside the pyramids. Most want to spend the night inside or to enter at the first rays of dawn.

"In the US and elsewhere, you have a lot of people with problems, and these people are seeking solutions. They look to the supernatural, and they think of the pyramids," Hawass said.

"But we can't let these groups interfere with tourists wanting to look at the pyramids from a historical or architectural standpoint."

Hawass said the most active pyramid-visiting mystical groups in the United States include the Edgar Cayce Foundation, which is dedicated to the study of the American psychic who died in 1945. Cayce taught that the secrets of Atlantis and knowledge of the future are buried under the right front paw of the Sphinx at the foot of Giza plateau.

In addition to Americans, theme cruises are organised in Europe, and growing numbers of Japanese tourists come to Giza especially to "tap pyramid power," Hawass said.

"This pyramid power stuff is really big," he said. "People want to believe in magic, and big structures give an air of magic. I'm sure if I called myself the pyramid prophet, I could have a following larger than the most famous Indian guru."

Built about 4,600 years ago, the pyramids remain enigmas to scientists as well as to seekers of the unknown.

The first person to enter the great pyramid of Cheops in post-Pharaonic times was the Caliph of Baghdad, Abdullah Al-Ma'mun, in 820 AD. He forced his way in by heating rocks, then breaking them by pouring on vinegar.

As generations of scientists, tourists, eccentrics and treasure hunters followed him, pyramid mystique grew over the ages.

Perhaps the most famous personality to enter in search of the occult was Napoleon Bonaparte, who spent the night of Aug 12, 1799, inside Cheops' pyramids and emerged shaken and shaken.

He wanted to the grave in 1821 without telling what he experienced.

"What's the use?" Napoleon was said to have told a friend. "You wouldn't believe me anyway."

Hawass said many people, especially in the United States, have ideas and theories about the Giza pyramids, particularly Cheops great pyramid.

"They read that Cheops is made of 2.3 million blocks, each one weighing 2 1/2 tons to 15 tons, each side at an angle of 51 degrees, 50 minutes and 35 seconds," he said.

"They think nobody on earth could have built this, that the pyramids were built by people from outer space, or survivors from the lost continent of Atlantis."

"They never look at what's attached to the pyramids, the structures, the organisation necessary to build them, the cult of the king."

He said more than 200 books about pyramid power have been published in the United States, "but fewer than half a dozen contain any science of value."

Hawass, who had a doctorate in Egyptology from the University of Pennsylvania and has lectured throughout North America about the pyramids, said he'd never heard of pyramid power until he went there in 1977.

"I was speaking to an audience in Hartford, Connecticut, and as I began to talk, everyone in the front row held a pyramid above his head," he recalled. "I asked, 'what are you doing?' and they explained about power trapped inside the shape of a pyramid."

"OK, I try to be open-minded. When I returned, I tried some experiments."

First was to test the theory that pyramids can preserve bodies.

"I bought some meat and put part of it in my office, part inside Cheops. The meat inside my office lasted longer than inside the pyramid."

Beautiful Brittany

Happy again

HOLLYWOOD, Sept 24, (UPI): Take a beautiful actress, keep slapping gobs of unflattering makeup on her, give her nothing but bitchy lines to read and presto: an unhappy actress.

Just ask Morgan Brittany, a genuine beauty with light blue eyes and rich, cascading dark hair who would make a natural Snow White. But for years, Hollywood has limited her to portraying tough, hard women, including a murderess or two.

It was a calculated process by makeup artists who applied gaudy eyeliner, harsh eye shadow, an overdose of mascara, a slash of dark red lipstick and highlighted cheekbones. The look was severe.

The psychology of it all made Brittany a more sinister heavy than a plain Jane would have been. It's the shock value of seeing a stunning woman behaving viciously that provokes the impact.

Brittany played the scheming Katherine Wentworth in the "Dallas" TV series off and on for six years, killing off Bobby Weing in the show's wacky season-long dream sequence.

Thereafter she was typecast as a bad girl in a series of feature films and made-for-TV movies.

Disenchanted with that, Brittany took off a couple of years to work on her role as a wife to movie stunt co-ordinator Jack Gill and mother to daughter Katie and son Cody.

Next month she will be seen in a reprise of the old TV series "The Saint," a two-hour TV movie.

"Hooray, hooray, I play a nice guy for a change," Brittany said.

"I'm so happy I was able to do a little bit of comedy and feel good about my character. They don't kill me or take me off to jail at the end."

"I don't think any other actress around today has played as many mean and bitter women."

"I fixed horse races in 'The Wizard' and was hauled off to jail. In a 'Perry Mason' episode I was a murder suspect. In 'L.B.J.' with Randy Quaid I was the president's mistress trying to break up President Johnson and Ladybird."

"I've tried to convince producers I could play something other than a glamour puss, the other woman or unsympathetic Paris. They couldn't see me as a wife, a mother or a businesswoman or whatever."

"If a woman has a look like I do, producers automatically think she can't be funny. They forget about Carole Lombard and Irene Dunne."

Last year Brittany landed a starring role in the movie "Sundown" with Maxwell Caulfield, David Carradine and John Ireland. It was produced by Vestron and was identified as a comedy-western-vampire movie.

"Against my better judgement, I agreed to do it," she said. "It was so bad, I hate to think of it. But my prayers were answered. Vestron had troubles and the pictures won't be released to theatres."

"When it hits video stores it will either be a cult film or a bomb. I may change my name. But at least I got to play a wife for the first time in my career."

"My agents tried for a solid year to get me a comedy role."

I'm scared

EVENTS



Participants with their new assignment — tailoring.

Tailoring courses begin

THE Association of Filipinos in Kuwait (Kapilku) held their first tailoring class last week at the Far East Restaurant. It was attended by more than 80 enthusiastic participants in the self-improvement course for tailoring offered by the association.

Eli Antolin and Bayani R. Trinidad were the instructors of the course. They showed the different materials which

were to be used in class and proper measurements of long trousers as well as other tailoring techniques.

Manny Inseto, Kapilku president, in his opening remarks expressed his sincere thanks to all Kapilku members who in one way or another made the project a success.

Vice-president Sarah Macarimbang was the overall co-ordinator of the self

improvement course. Her deputy was Jun Mercado.

The next session will be on Friday, Sept 29, at the Far East Restaurant at 9.00 am sharp.

The cutting and sewing will be done by all the participants.

The tailoring class is being sponsored by the Far East Restaurant.

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Fajr	4.19 am
Zuhr	11.40
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Isha	6.58

TELEVISION PROGRAMME

KTV 1

9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
9.15 Sabah Al Khair News
9.20 Varieties
9.30 Ifrah Ya Simsim
10.00 Magazine D'Actualite
10.15 Arabic daily Serial: Mawlood Fi Al Waqt Al Daye
11.00 Sabah Al Khair News and Varieties
11.05 Local serial: Ajlah Wamlah
12.05 Sabah Al Khair News and Varieties
12.15 A cultural film
1.00 News in Brief
1.05 Holy Quran & Closedown

Evening

4.10 The World Today via Satellite
4.30 Cartoon serial: Children's Tales
5.00 Children & Summer
6.15 Arabic serial: Nihayat Saf
7.30 Night Pharmacies, Rights and official ads
7.45 Cultural programme: World of Tomorrow
8.15 Cultural programme: Quran & Science
9.00 News in Arabic
9.45 Local programme: Umsiyat Al-Ethnain
10.15 Arabic daily serial: Wajdah and Samih
11.15 Arabic drama: Tariqa Faiya
12.15 World Today via Satellite
12.45 Holy Quran & Closedown

KTV 2

6.00 Opening Announcement & Holy Quran
6.10 Bionic Six: A cartoon series for children
6.30 The Scheme of Things
7.00 Proving Report: A weekly round-up of local, Arab and international news, events and activities
7.30 Charles in Charge "Pickle Plot"
8.00 News in English
8.30 Paradise: "Long Lost Lawson" An ex-husband of "Ophelia" attacks the bank... But "Ethen" chases him along with his accomplice to get the money back
9.30 227: "Trial & Error" A deadlocked jury forces jurors Mary and Sandra to spend the night together in a hotel room on Mary's anniversary, but a lonely Lester and a flirtatious bailiff keep the girls entertained
10.00 Tales Of The Unexpected: Youth From Vienna
10.30 Jack and Mike "Till Death Do us Part" Jackie receives bouquets of flowers along with telephone calls and love words from an unknown person... In the meantime Mike is exposed to an attempt on his life
11.30 News in Brief
11.45 Magazine D'Actualite

WAMW

THE World Association of Muslim Writers (WAMW) has finally been organised in Abu Dhabi.

The World Association of Muslim Writers is a non-profitable organisation with the chief objective of serving Islam. Its continual efforts are towards providing quality literature: books, magazines, articles, reports, interviews, etc. for the cause of Islam.

We carry out these activities in the light of the Quran and Sunnah.

The president of the organisation invites new members to participate in the project. If interested, contact: Mansour Ali Khan, President, P.O. Box 46051, Abu Dhabi. Fax: 342088/Tlx: 22106 Attn: Al Amamam, Tel. 212556.

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SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 4.00 to 7.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment.

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SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; Fridays: 9 am to 12 noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.

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SOCIAL

Ahmed Musical Society

REHEARSALS for the 1989/90 season will start on Saturday 16th September, at 7.30 pm at the Kuwait Little Theatre, Ahmed. New singers welcome. For further details ring 3912384.

Naval Youth Centre

NOV 16: A annual get-together with live music from "Stepping Stones and Top-Ranks" having lots more amusements, surprises awaiting at Le Mirage ballroom — Ramada Al Salam Hotel. Contact: Mr Alex — 2426334, Mr Marian — 2416945.

Pakistan Arts Circle

A SERIES of programmes is being organised by the Pakistan Arts Circle, which includes mushairs, musical varieties, literary discussions, etc. Families are most welcome. Please register your names on Tel. Nos. 5323693, 5717585 or 4716258.

Colva Nite

OCT 19: Annual Colva Nite at New Ballroom of Ramada Al Salam Hotel. Top Ranks in attendance. For details contact Tel. 2413884/2434776/56291-41/4310913 after 5 pm.

Vienna Boys Choir

The Vienna Boys Choir will be performing at the Kuwait International Hotel on 26th September at 8.00 pm in the Grand Ballroom. Tickets available at the Reception counter: 2530000/8040. KD8.00 for adults. KD5.00 for child under 12 years.

Breeze '89

OCT 26: Tivim Centre's — Breeze '89 is going to hit the floors of Ramada Al Salam hotel New Ballroom at a social evening organised in commemoration of village festival. Top Rank and Stepping Stones will provide scintillating music, lots of surprises await. For further information please contact the organisers, Casimiro or Mario on Tel. No. 2441860/67 after 3.30 pm.

Filchek chess

SEPT 26: The Filipino Chess Club in Kuwait (Filchek) invites all Filipino Chess enthusiasts to join the first "Active Chess Tournament."

Attractive prizes await the lucky winners. Entry forms are available at Kabayan Restaurant. Deadline for submission of entries is Sept 15. For more details contact Edward Racaza (2421868, 2402405), Chito (2443961) or Jun (2409650).

Filchek logo

THE Filipino Chess Club in Kuwait (Filchek) announces the start of the search for its club logo. The contest is open to all club members and officers. The artwork must be about 8-10 cm. in height and width. Selection of the winning logo will be based on the following criteria: Creativity and Originality — 50%, Theme Execution — 30% and Visual Impact 20%. Entries must be submitted at FILCHECK headquarters or Kabayan Restaurant on or before 26 September 1989. The lucky winner will be announced during the opening of Filchek's first active chess tournament on 29 September 1989. The winner will receive valuable prizes courtesy of Sony Supplying Store. For more details contact Edward 2421868 or 2402405.

British Council

Around the world with Willy Fog: Wednesday, 20 September at 6 pm, Thursday 21 September at 10.30 am (52 min). This is a charming adaptation of Jules Verne's classic novel "Around the World in Eighty Days", with one major difference. All the characters are animals. Willy Fog, an elegant gentleman, offers a bet of half of his fortune that he can go around the world in 80 days. Accompanied by his French valet, Rigodon, and their small companion with a big heart, Tico, they set off in an incredible trip around the world.

Moods & Melody

"Moods & Melody" performs "Geet Maala" — a presentation of pop songs from Hindi, Malayalam, Tamil and Telugu films — on 12th October 1989 at Indian Arts Circle auditorium, Funtaines at 7.00 pm. For more details contact Tel: 4338579 and 2407418, after 4.00 pm.

Gala

Dec 8: Expatriates Club will hold a gala social for children and adults at the Tent, SAS Hotel. Fifty-five attractive hamper prizes and other gifts will be given away.

Spoken Arabic

The Public Authority for Applied Education and Training is starting to offer spoken Arabic classes for non-native speakers. The programme, starting in October 89, is for beginners and having intermediate knowledge in colloquial conversation. The registration will start on 16th September, 1989. Those who are interested please contact on telephone Nos. 2413050 Ext. 243, 269; 2455860 Ext 454, 455, 457; 2411383.

Konkani drama

Nov 2, 3: The new GOA presents M. Boyer's "Chintan Zallim Sopani" at the IAC (Funtaines). Cast includes the Charlie Chapin of Goa 'Jacinto Vaz' along with Remy Colaco, Seby Coutinho, Betty Naz and others. Tickets now available. Contact Canary Video (Sharq) or Video Clock (near GPO).

Pakistan Arts Circle

A get-together party will be held at the residence of PAC's Sr. Vice-President Farooq Khan, on Thursday, the 21st Sept, 1989 at 8.00 pm.

Families already registered are cordially invited. For further information, please contact Tel. 5323693, 5717585, 4848643 or 4716258.

Palarong Filipino Annual

All the winners in the just concluded Palarong Filipino organised by the Kapisanang Filipino sa Kuwait (Kapilku) should submit their pictures on or before September 22 to Homer L. Mesina, Vice-President of Media and External Affairs and the Chairman of the 9th Palarong Filipino Souvenir Programme.

For group, the picture must be coloured and the size is 5"x7" with their officials and players and for the individual, it must be coloured and the size is also 5"x7".

Sponsors and donors who may wish to place ads must contact Sarah Macarimbang, Vice-President for Social and Cultural Affairs at 4843447.

Kapilku Night

The Association of Filipinos in Kuwait (Kapilku) will hold their Kapilku Night on Friday, September 29 in Holiday Inn Hotel at 5.00 pm. This singing contest is open to all Filipinos and the competition is divided into two categories, namely, Bagong Kampeon (regular singing contest) and Sing-Alike. The first three winners in each division will receive valuable prizes from the sponsors. Interested participants are requested to contact VP Sarah Macarimbang the chairperson at 4843447 and Rod Cerezo at 2433595, the co-ordinator.

Free Tailoring Class

Kapisanang Filipino sa Kuwait (Kapilku) will hold their free tailoring class to all bonafide Kapilku members beginning Friday, September 22 at Far East Restaurant from 9.00 am to 12.00 noon. This self-improvement course is one of the many projects by Kapilku. The class will run every Friday and end on October 3. All materials needed for the class

are given free to all participants. Master cutting, Barong Tagalog and executive suits will be covered in the course. For particulars, please contact Sarah Macarimbang Vice-President for Social and Cultural Affairs at 4843447.

Overnight picnic

THE IAC is planning an overnight picnic for members to Failaka on October 5th and 6th. Those interested may contact Mohan George at 3904817 after 6.30 pm for enrolment. Or Bijli Varghese for details on 5613908 (R) or 2438011 ext. 274 (O).

An evening with SPOK

THE Samanahing Pilipinong Optometrist sa Kuwait (SPOK) will hold their annual get-together party at the Grand Jahra Ballroom of the Meridien Hotel on Friday, October 6, 1989 at 6 pm. The affair entitled "An Evening with SPOK — A Touch of Class" aims to encourage the Filipino community in Kuwait to get themselves acquainted with the Filipino Optometrists and become aware of the various services SPOK can render for their individual optical needs and visual problems. Proceeds of the affair will be donated to charitable institutions in the Philippines.

For particulars, please contact Dr. Rose "chi-chi" Luna, Tel: 2415901/2419285 and Dr. Rosale Austria, Tel: 2435712.

Fiesta Teshra

OCT 20: A red letter day for stage play aficionados. The Filipino Cultural Club (FCC), under the chairmanship of Buddy Patungan, proudly represents another unique innovation of theirs, this time, directed by Joey Laurente, the energetic "brains" behind the sensational SISA. Highlighting the intricate interesting life of its central character, Austrian composer, Wolfgang "Amadeus" Mozart. This two hour stage play will hold the same vibrant, all spirited team of the legendary "Fiesta Filipina '89".

Featuring Tolis Matig-A, in his most dramatic role ever, see him play the magnificent figure of "Salieri". At the Al Jahra Ballroom of Le Meridien Hotel, watch the director/choreographer of "Fiesta '89" turn actor himself in "the saga of Amadeus" plus a whole cast of lovely and dashing characters that FCC has in store for you.

D'Assisi Association

OCTOBER 6: Ninth annual Thanksgiving mass will be held at the Holy Family Cathedral at 8 am followed by a get-together after mass. All D'Assisi ex-students along with their families and friends are invited. For more details contact: 2444379 or 2469811.

Star Nite

DEC 21: Star Nite at Ramada Salam 'Al Dir'a' with Perfect Strangers music. Children's programme at 5 pm from 2-1/2 years to 12 years. Other programmes start with sumptuous buffet. Fabulous hamper prizes and variety social entertainment under 355 sponsor-

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Magic show

NOV 9, 10: Expatriates Club will organise the first magic show in Kuwait. Internationally known Indian magician Marco will perform at the Granada Cinema. Watch out for further details.

Kuwait Karnata Koota

NOV 3: As part of the Nehru Centenary and Karnataka Rajyotsava Day celebrations, the Koota has organised a variety entertainment programme followed by dinner at the Sharq Co-op Auditorium. For entry passes contact tel. nos. 5621922/5650264/5745483/3714089.

Barefoot in the Park

DUE to unforeseen circumstances, one male role in the Kuwait Players production of "Barefoot in the Park" needs to be filled. If anyone is interested in taking over this role, please ring the Director Ken Winston on 5740256/7 or 5625316.

Kuwait Singers

KUWAIT Singers has just started rehearsals for their seasonal concert. Rehearsals are on Saturdays and Mondays at 7.30 pm at the Gulf English School, Salwa. If you enjoy singing come along and join us. For further information tel. 5384873.

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Messilah Beach Hotel

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WINDSURFING Classic: Messilah Beach Hotel is organising a Windsurfing Classic on Oct 6, 1989. Open to all men and women sailors in Kuwait. Closing for entries is 1.10.89. For more details contact Ken Balman on 5624111 ext. 739/751.

TENNIS classes: Messilah Beach Hotel Tennis classes will be resuming beginning of October 89 for adults and children, to reserve a place phone 5624111 ext. 739/751.

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GOLF

Wright hits birdies for top place

BUENA PARK, Calif., Sept. 24, (Reuters): Pamela Wright of Britain made a birdie charge of the back nine yesterday to take a one-stroke lead going into the final round of the \$300,000 LPGA tournament at Los Coyotes Country Club.

Wright, who began the day one stroke off the pace, posted four birdies on the inward half to record a five-under-par 67 for a 10-under 206 total.

One stroke behind were Nancy Lopez and Rosie Jones, who both fired 65s to move into contention.

"I think my chances are as good as anybody's," Wright said with an eye towards the \$45,000 first prize. "I really am excited about my position. I look forward to playing with Nancy. I was nervous enough today that I got the adrenalin going — so it was a good nervous."

Wright, a 25-year-old from Scotland, bogeyed the third hole but bounced back with birdies at seven and eight to make the turn at one under par. Birdies at 10, 15, 16 and 17 gave her the lead.

Jones birdied five of her first six holes in a round which featured nine birdies and two bogeys.

"I came out of the box really hot today," Jones said. "This is by far my best round of the season."

Lopez started the day with eight consecutive pars before getting into some serious scoring. She birdied three straight from the ninth and added an eagle and two more birdies as she toured the final nine in 30 for her 65.

"I made everything that was even close to the hole today," said Lopez. "I feel real good about the way I am striking my putts and my swing feels real good too."

Two shots back of Wright was Cindy Rarick, who had shared the overnight lead with Amy Alcott and Pat Bradley. Alcott and Bradley were at 211, five behind Wright, after shooting 73s.

Krickstein upsets Gilbert

Chang edges Davis



Gomez triumphs

Andres Gomez of Ecuador celebrates his victory over world number one Ivan Lendl after their semifinal match of the Spanish Open tennis tournament on Saturday. Gomez won 1-67-69-7. (Reuters wirephoto).

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 24, (UPI): Top-seeded Michael Chang defeated Scott Davis 6-4, 6-4 and No. 5 Aaron Krickstein saved seven match points to rally past Brad Gilbert, the second seed, 1-6, 7-6, (7-0), 6-2 yesterday to move into the final of the \$425,000 Volvo Tennis/Los Angeles.

The 17-year-old Chang, the French Open champion, gunning for his third career title, was to meet Krickstein this evening for the championship and the winner's cheque of \$59,000.

"Both sets were really close," said the No. 6-ranked Chang of the straight-sets victory. "He missed a couple of key volleys, and I think that was the difference."

Chang, who like Krickstein has yet to lose a set in getting through four opponents, said his serve aided him today.

"I think I served exceptionally well. I thought it helped me out throughout the match," Chang said.

Gilbert, 29, ranked No. 7 in the world, combined a steady baseline game with aggressive net play that kept Krickstein off-balance throughout the first half of the match.

Gilbert easily won the first set and raced to a 5-2 lead but could not close out the match.

Serving at 5-4, he squandered four match points. Krickstein then fought off three more match points in the next game to hold and level the set at 5-5.

Back-to-back breaks forced a tiebreaker, which Krickstein won reeling off seven straight points.

Gilbert's game collapsed in the third set as the momentum continued on Krickstein's side.

Krickstein held a 3-2 lead in the deciding set as he and Gilbert traded service breaks in the fourth and fifth games.

Krickstein broke again in the sixth game and completed the comeback behind victory with a final break in the eighth game.

"I never thought I was out of the match, even when I was down, 6-1, 4-1, admitted Krickstein, vying for his second title of the year and sixth overall.

"I was one point, one shot, one miss away from losing. I'm serving terrible and I'm in the final," said Krickstein.

Gilbert offered no excuses about the collapse.

"It's an Adam's apple, a gift more than anything else. I was in good shape. But it all went for nothing," he said.

"I gave him a second life. I should've had the match won long before that," Gilbert said. "I was playing aggressive and patient to get to that point. I was up 6-1, 5-2 and became unravelled and squandered several opportunities. I should've had more patience."

Davis, ranked No. 57 in the world, repeatedly charged the net throughout the match, trying to put away volleys rather than dust Chang from the baseline.

Navratilova and Seles advance to Dallas final

DALLAS, Sept. 24, (Reuters): Top-seeded Martina Navratilova and 15-year-old Monica Seles of Yugoslavia scored semifinal \$250,000 Dallas Women's Tennis Championship.

Navratilova outplayed third seed Manuela Maleeva of Bulgaria 6-2 6-3, while Seles eliminated American Anne Smith 6-1 6-2 to reach her second final in nine tournaments as a professional.

The 32-year-old Navratilova will be going for a ninth Dallas title. She won her first in 1979 when Seles was five years old.

Seles is unbeaten in championship matches — she defeated Chris Evert last spring in Houston to win her first pro title.

Navratilova, who blitzed Maleeva 6-0 6-0 in the quarterfinals at the US Open, said she was satisfied with her play against the crafty baseliner.

"Except for the first time when I lost my serve and one other game, I was very happy. I got a high percentage of first serves in and was mixing it up quite well. I didn't let her returns bother me," said Navratilova, the world number two.

Maleeva, seventh in the world, played consistently from the baseline and served well in the first set but could not handle Navratilova's carefully chosen trips to the net.

Navratilova slipped behind 1-3 in the second set but swept the last five games of the match.

Seles, ranked 10th, slugged her two-handed service returns past the aggressive Smith, who tried unsuccessfully to win points at the net against the hard-hitting Yugoslav.

Maleeva said her cold was better yesterday than 24 hours earlier when she was drained after a quarterfinal win over Raffaella Reggi.

"I was running well today," Maleeva said. "I was serving well and hitting well the ball, and I felt good on the court."

Maleeva hit three return winners and scored five points against serve with passing shots, but that weren't nearly enough to beat Navratilova, who won her



Seles grimaces as she smashes a backhand to Smith. (Reuters wirephoto).



Navratilova lunges after a volley from Maleeva. (Reuters wirephoto)

45 consecutive match in this tournament, dating back to 1979.

"You cannot give one little chance of a short ball. She comes in as soon as the ball is two inches shorter than it should be," Maleeva said.

"I missed a big opportunity in the second set," Maleeva added. "If I would have won it, it would have gotten very close."

Seles, the tournament's fifth seed, will face Navratilova for the first time in the championship game, and Navratilova said she will have to adjust for the unusual grunting noises that highlight the teenager's playing style.

"I know she is very noisy," Navratilova said. "I'm just going to have to concentrate on the ball and try not to let it bother me. I never heard anyone make a noise on that level before."

Smith earlier upset seeded players Pam Shriver and Rosalyn Fairbank to advance to the tournament semifinals.

Canipe takes Southern Open lead

COLUMBUS, Ga., Sept. 26, (Reuters): David Canipe felt right at home and it paid off in a round of 64 yesterday that gave him the lead after 54 holes of the \$400,000 Southern Open golf tournament.

The six-under-par round gave the 36-year-old Canipe a three-day total of 198, 12-under-par over the Green Island Country Club.

One stroke back were Jay Haas, who also shot a 64, and Dave Rummells, who posted a 67 for his 199 total.

Canipe had six birdies in a bogey-free round. Four birdies came on rather long putts — from 40 feet, 30 feet, 20 feet and 15 feet.

"My concentration has been good," said Canipe, who is looking for his first PGA Tour victory. "I'm comfortable playing in the south, since I was born and raised in North Carolina and went to the University of Georgia."

Haas, a former Ryder Cup player who has won seven times on the tour, finished with a flourish as he birdied five of his last six holes.

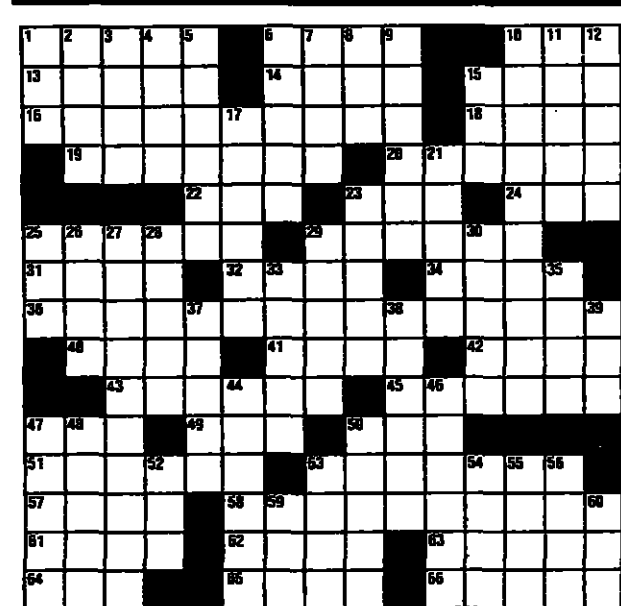
Rummells, also seeking his first win, said he had one of his better ball-striking rounds but was frustrated with his putter. Still, he managed four birdies against a lone bogey.

Hirase triumphs

MATSUSHIMACHO, Japan, Sept. 24, (AP): Mayumi Hirase chipped in a birdie on the final hole today for the first victory of her two-year pro career, one shot ahead of Taiwan's Tu Ai-Yu in the rain-shortened Miyagi TV Cup women's open golf tournament.

The 19-year-old Hirase started the final round one shot behind Tu. After a double bogey on the 17th, she still trailed by one going into the 18th.

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South West North East
2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
4 NT Pass 5 ♦ Pass
6 ♠ Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead: Jack of ♦

If you follow the rubrics in deciding how to tackle a hand, you will sometimes find yourself facing conflicting ideas. For instance, how would you tackle the trump suit here. Should you first lead toward the short trump hand, or toward the hand with two honors? At the right time, both approaches have their merits. In this case, however, forget about bromides and use common sense.

While there is something unpalatable about opening with a demand bid on a suit missing two of the three top honors, South has a three-loser hand and to open anything else could lead to impossible problems later. When North raised and Blackwood elicited the information that an ace was missing, declarer decided to gamble that partner held one of the high spades for the three-spade raise.

After winning the diamond in hand, declarer should have no problem about how to go about making his contract. There is no loser in the plain suits, so only a 4-0 trump break could endanger the contract. With a reasonable amount of care, declarer can nullify that distribution no matter which defender has the long trumps.

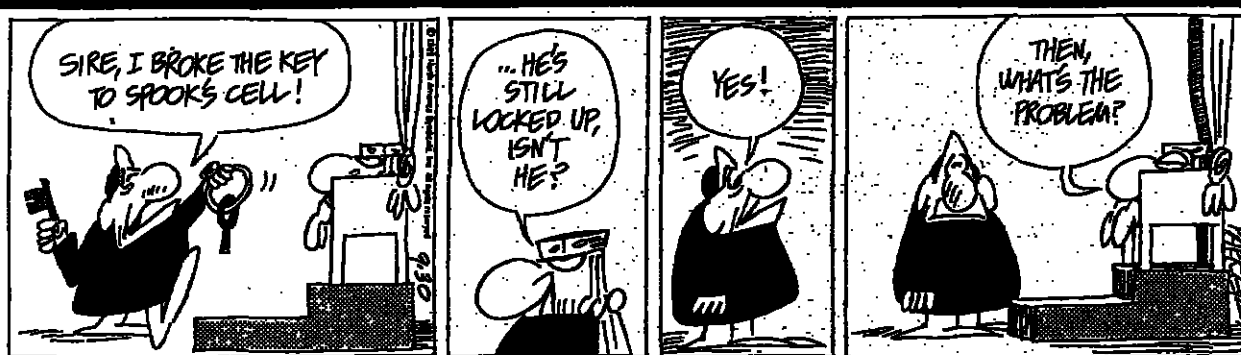
Declarer should lead the queen of spades to the second trick. If the cards lie as in the diagram and West wins the ace, East will show out on the first trump. So declarer comes to hand as soon as he can and runs the nine of trumps for the marked finesse. If West shows out on the first round of trumps, declarer can get to dummy with the ace of hearts for the marked finesse against the ten. Either way, declarer can lose no more than one trump trick.



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YOUR STARS

Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will at first not be quite sure of yourself, but will soon regain your self-confidence. Your lucky numbers are 14 and 28. A good day on which to settle an old grudge. Do not neglect an infection. Be polite.



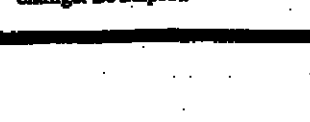
Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You will not be in the best of moods and should do your utmost to avoid picking a quarrel. Take your mind off work for the day. Try to exercise more self-control. Be reasonable.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You will find it easier to sympathize with those around you and they will appreciate it. Do not expect a lot for little or nothing. Do your best to adapt yourself to change. Be helpful.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

The general situation is complex and you should look out for snags that are not easily apparent. You will be able to deal better with an abiding problem. Keep your spirits high. Be tactful.



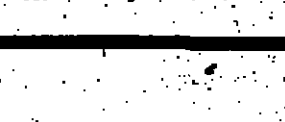
Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

Do not expect others to behave just as you would like them to. Try to enjoy life to the full. Do not spend more than you can readily afford. Be cordial.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

You should avoid being lazy. The general situation is better than you had feared. There is good reason for optimism but some for comolacency. Be tactful.



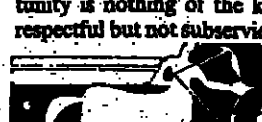
Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

The situation will start with some bad omens, but they will not come to pass. You should get into an argument. Try not to dwell on the past and do not indulge in too many daydreams. Be moderate.



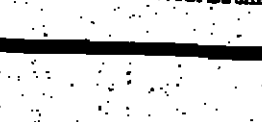
Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

You will feel somewhat out of sorts and should avoid exaggerations. Do not try to do too many things at one and the same time. What seemed like a good opportunity is nothing of the kind. Be respectful but not subservient.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You would be wrong to expect something for nothing. Avoid losing your temper if at all possible. Make do and mend only if nothing electrical is involved. Be sincere.



Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19

You will find others better disposed towards you. You should welcome rather than resist change. Do not trust in luck, you will have some but not yet and not all that good either. Be dependable.



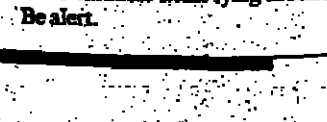
Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

You will be inclined to exaggerate and should resist the tendency. Once you have made a promise be sure to keep it. Do not expect others to be at your bid and call. Be patient.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

This will be an interesting day for you. Keep your head and spirits high, but avoid just hoping everything will be for the best. Do not leave valuable items lying around. Be alert.



Lions maul Socials C.C. in opener

LANKA Lions Cricket Club (Jamaal Al Ghanim Es) penned their winter 1989/90 season with a resounding 47-run win over Socials C.C. in a GCL cricket match at the EPI grounds on Friday.

Lions, who opted to bat after winning the toss, started positively with a brisk 33 for the first wicket in 6 overs before Mahinda was out for 14. At the other end, Nihal Ranasingha played superbly and featured in a number of useful stands with Mahinda. 15, Dhammika 12, Perusinghe 16 and Ray Fernando 11.

Nihal was the sixth out with the total reading 132 for a personal score of 64 which contained 4 powerfully struck boundaries. His innings was a perfect mixture of defence and aggression and his driving off the front foot in particular left fielders gapping.

In the allotted 30 overs, the Lions managed 160 for 8 wickets which proved ample for their bowlers. Dhammika and Smith bowled tidy opening spells with Smith in particular troubling all the batsmen with his pace and hostility, taking 2 for 18 in 6 overs.

Mahinda bowled 6 overs of left-arm spin to capture two for 32 and Chula chipped in with 1 for 25 as Socials managed only 113. The feature of this innings was the quality of the Lions' fielding which earned them 5 run-outs with Smith and Chula excelling with their throws from the deep.

There were also 3 catches by skipper Perusinghe, Mahinda and Dhammika. For Social C.C. Prashant, Sarfaraz, Darrel and Jackson scored 19, 22, 21 and 14 respectively.

Lanka Lions C.C. are fresh from a very successful summer season with GCL in which they emerged as runners-up for the second time running. In their final match, they defeated the ultimate champions — MCC — comprehensively.

Batting first, Lions scored 120 for 6 wickets in 17 overs thanks to two masterly knocks from Nihal Ranasingha 41 and Rani Silva 48. But the feature of the match was a hat-trick performed by Mahinda Wijegunawardene which reduced MCC to 94 for 8 by the end of the match. The only batsman to offer any resistance with 48 runs.

Aunese dies

DENVER, Sept. 24, (AP) — Former University of Colorado quarterback Sal Aunese died of cancer last night. He was 21.

"Sal died a peaceful death without pain," Dr. Wayne Gersoff, the attending physician, told a news conference called less than two hours after Aunese's death. "He was a tremendous warrior and put up one of the greatest fights anyone could imagine. Unfortunately, the fight had to come to an end."

Colorado coach Bill McCartney had visited Aunese earlier in the evening.

Dave Plati, Colorado Sports Information director, said McCartney "did talk to the team after practice today and told them Sal's condition had worsened and he might not make it."

Crabb wins inaugural Stockholm City Mile

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Sept. 24, (AP) — Steve Crabb kicked strongly down the stretch to mark yesterday's inaugural Stockholm City Mile ahead of fellow Briton Mark Rowland in one of downtown Stockholm's main streets.

Crabb, who was among the leaders

throughout the race, had a relatively slow winning time of 4 minutes, 11.6 seconds. Rowland, an Olympic bronze medalist in the 3,000-metre steeplechase last year, was two tenths of a second behind.

Jim Spivey, one of the United States' top milers and renowned for his finishing kick,

was unable to challenge the two Britons and had to settle with third in 4:12.2.

Crabb, 25, has competed in several street races before, including the Westminster Mile in London, but this one was different.

"It was tougher because there were so

many uphill and downhill stretches," Crabb said.

Jari Vanelainen of Finland placed fourth in 4:12.5. Billy Konchellah of Kenya, the 1987 world 800-metre champion, finished a disappointing 10th in 4:18.7.

Indians scalp Angels

Brewers trounce Blue Jays

NEW YORK, Sept. 24, (AP) — The California Angels, aware that Oakland had lost to Minnesota, squandered a chance to gain ground in the American League West yesterday by losing a double-header to the Cleveland Indians and falling 4-1/2 games out.

The Angels blew the opener 4-

3 when reliever Greg Minton walked home the winning run to

cap Cleveland's two-run eighth-inning rally and dropped the nightcap 6-2 when Tom Candiotti held them to seven hits, retiring 14 consecutive batters from the second to the seventh inning.

Twins 5, Athletics 3
Randy Bush equaled his career-high of 14 home runs with a two-run shot that put Minnesota ahead in the fourth inning

and Allan Anderson struggled through five shaky innings for his career-high 17th victory.

The loss snapped the Athletics' five-game winning streak but they still gained one-half game on California and lead the Angels by 4-1/2 in the AL West.

Red Sox 6, Tigers 1
Danny Heep's bases-loaded single in the first inning drove in two runs and Boston extended its winning streak over Detroit to seven games.

Winner Mike Boddicker, who was 0-6 in his previous seven starts at Tiger Stadium dating back to Sept. 4, 1984, gave up five hits and five walks in 6-1/3 innings, including Matt Nokes' third-inning homer. Detroit rookie Kevin Ritz was tagged for three runs and nine hits in 3-1/3 innings.

Brewers 4, Blue Jays 1
Paul Molitor and B.J. Surhoff homered and Terry Francona drove in two runs and Milwaukee staged off elimination in the AL East Toronto's lead over second-place Baltimore, which played at night, was reduced to 1-1/2 games with seven games left.

The third-place Brewers are 6-1, 2 out with eight remaining. Molitor hit his 10th homer in the first inning and singles by Gary Sheffield and Glenn Braggs and Francona's sacrifice fly made it 2-0 in the second.

Ones 10, Yankees 2
Bob Milacki won his fourth consecutive decision and the Baltimore Orioles pulled back within one game of the American League East lead, beating the New York Yankees.

On an evening when temperatures fell into the 40s, the Orioles won for the fifth time in seven games and moved closer to first-place Toronto, including three next weekend in Toronto.

Results	American League
Minnesota 5, Oakland 4	4
1-Cleveland 4, California 4	4
2-Cleveland 4, California 4	4
Boston 6, Detroit 1	6
Milwaukee 4, Toronto 2	4
Baltimore 10, New York 2	10
Seattle 8, Kansas City 5	8
Texas 5, Chicago 2	5
St. Louis 11, Philadelphia 4	11
Chicago 3, Pittsburgh 1	3
New York 7, Los Angeles 1	7
San Francisco 3, Houston 1	3
Cincinnati 11, Atlanta 5	11



Molitor homered for Brewers.

Marseille hit four goals

PARIS, Sept. 24, (Reuters) — Marseille's summer signing Enzo Francescoli and Chris Waddle were on target for the French double winners yesterday in a 4-0 defeat of Toulon as their main title rivals crashed.

Uruguayan Francescoli scored in the eighth and 86th minutes and Briton Waddle in the 39th after France's leading scorer Jean-Pierre Papin opened the floodgates with a fifth-minute goal.

Marseille's 4-0 away win lifted them to second place above Paris St Germain, beaten 3-1 by struggling Cannes. The southerners are on 16 points, one point behind leaders Bordeaux who lost 2-0 in Monaco on Friday, with a game in hand.

The signing of Waddle for 45 million francs (\$7 million) from Tottenham this summer looked extravagant but he has started to slot into the team well and made a sizeable repayment on his huge

transfer fee in Toulon. Waddle laid on both of the first two goals before scoring the third himself.

Results	Paris St Germain
Cannes 3, Marseille 1	3
Toulon 0, Marseille 4	0
1-Toulon 0, Marseille 4	1
2-Toulon 0, Marseille 4	2
3-Toulon 0, Marseille 4	3
4-Toulon 0, Marseille 4	4
5-Toulon 0, Marseille 4	5
6-Toulon 0, Marseille 4	6
7-Toulon 0, Marseille 4	7
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Enzo Francescoli

Johnson bides time quietly

TORONTO, Sept. 24, (Reuters) — A year ago, hundreds of journalists waited impatiently for the world's fastest man to arrive for his news conference after winning the 100 metres Olympic gold medal in a world record time of 9.79 seconds.

Now, after a year of disgrace, Ben Johnson keeps mainly to himself but has a message he wants to deliver to the public.

"I want to tell them to be honest," Johnson told Canadian Press, the national news agency, recently. "Don't take drugs. It happened to me. I've been there. I know what it's like to cheat."

Johnson's Seoul Olympics urine test revealed the presence of the anabolic steroid stanozolol. He was stripped of his gold medal and suspended from international competition.

Since then, the shy Jamaican-born sprinter, whose case spawned a federal inquiry into drug use in sport, has been through an emotional upheaval in the wake of the biggest drug scandal in amateur sport.

The International Amateur Athletic Federation dealt Johnson another crushing blow on September 5 when it voted to strip him of his 1987 world record of 9.83 seconds. As in the case of the Olympic gold, the record went to Johnson's bitter rival, Carl Lewis.

In May, a charge was filed against a man who was

involved in an altercation with Johnson outside a trendy Toronto bistro. The incident left Johnson with a broken tooth and swollen jaw.

One month ago, Johnson was given a conditional discharge and placed on probation for one year after pleading guilty to assault. That charge stemmed from an incident in which Johnson pointed a starter's pistol at another motorist on a Toronto highway two weeks after he returned from Seoul.

"A certain degree of compassion must go to Mr. Johnson," the judge said in handing down the sentence.

Asked recently about his life now, Johnson cited a Jamaican proverb:

"If I've lost friends now, they were friends I didn't need," he said. "In Jamaica, we say there are two types of friends — the ones who help you plant trees and the ones who just come to sit under them."

Those closest to him are hurdler Mark McKoy and sprinter Desai Williams. Last month, a tuxedo-clad Johnson served as an usher at Williams' wedding.

Johnson looks trim and fit and his physical appearance has changed little since Seoul. He maintains 175 pounds (79.4 kg) on his five-foot nine-inch (1.75 m) frame and is still capable of bench-pressing 420 pounds (190.5 kg) and can squat lift 660 pounds (299.4 kg).

Yuh retains WBA crown

SEOUL, Sept. 24, (Reuters) — South Korea's Yuh Myung-Woo floored Japanese Taiho Kenbun four times to keep his World Boxing Association (WBA) junior-flyweight championship with an 11th-round knockout victory today.

The scheduled 12-rounder at Suwon, central South Korea, was over 48 seconds into the 11th.

The 25-year-old challenger began strongly with fleet-footed attacks, jabbing effectively and scoring with straight left and rights in the first three rounds.

But then Yuh, making the 13th defence of the title he took from Joey Olivo of the United States in December 1985, began boring in like a bulldozer, sending Taiho to the floor in the seventh, ninth and 10th rounds before finishing him off in the next.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Notre Dame hold on for 21-13 win

NEW YORK, Sept. 24, (AP) — It was a victory, and for that, Notre Dame's football players were appropriately grateful.

"The second half, I was getting kind of nervous," Irish defensive tackle Chris Zorich said. "Our offense kept giving up the ball, and I was standing on the sidelines praying."

The top-ranked Irish squandered most of a 14-0 lead, allowing 13 Michigan State points on three of their four turnovers, then got a fourth-quarter touchdown run of 1 yard from Anthony Johnson for the 21-13 victory.

In other games involving ranked teams, it was No. 2 Miami 38, Missouri 7; No. 7 Clemson 31, Maryland 7; No. 9 West Virginia 30, Louisville 21; No. 12 Southern Cal 42, No. 25 Ohio State 3; No. 15 Alabama 15, Kentucky 3; No. 18 North Carolina State 40, North Carolina 6; No. 19 Washington State 29, Wyoming 23; No. 20 Illinois 41, Utah State 2, and Stanford 18, No. 22 Oregon 17.

In early night games, it was No. 3 Nebraska 48, Minnesota 0; No. 8 Arkansas 24, Mississippi 17 and No. 13 Pittsburgh 30, No. 10 Syracuse 23.

In late games, it was No. 5 Michigan 24, No. 24 UCLA 23; No. 23 Arizona 20, No. 11 Washington 17, and No. 17 Houston 36, Arizona State 7.

No. 1 Notre Dame 21, Michigan St 13
Notre Dame score on two first-half runs by Ricky Watters, including a 53-yarder, and held on to beat Michigan State.

No. 2 Miami 38, Missouri 7
Craig Erickson threw for 357 yards, and Maurice Crum returned one of Miami's six interceptions 30 yards for a touchdown, sparking the Hurricanes over Missouri. Erickson threw one touchdown pass, a 30-yarder to Rod Chudinski, and ran 6 yards for another score.

No. 3 Nebraska 48, Minnesota 0
Ken Clark ran 18 times for 100 yards and two touchdowns as Nebraska continued its 27-year domination of the Minnesota Gophers.

No. 5 Michigan 24, No. 24 UCLA 23
J.D. Carlson's fourth field goal of the game, a 24-yarder with one second left, boosted Michigan over UCLA.

No. 7 Clemson 31, Maryland 7
Trailing for the first time this season, 7-3 late in the first quarter, Clemson scored three touchdowns in the second, sparked by Mitch Belton's blocked punt. Wesley McFadden scored two of the touchdowns on runs of 6 and 12 yards.

No. 8 Arkansas 24, Mississippi 17
Freshman E.D. Jackson powered over twice from short yardage to spark Arkansas over Mississippi. Rebel quarterback John Darnell engineered a final-minute drive only to have his pass into the end zone picked off by Anthony Cooney, his second interception of the night.

No. 9 West Virginia 30, Louisville 21
West Virginia trailed until Eugene Napoleon's two touchdowns in the final three minutes enabled the Mountaineers to escape from Louisville and its record crowd with the victory.

No. 10 Syracuse 23, Pittsburgh 48
Trailing for the first time this season, 7-3 late in the first quarter, Clemson scored three touchdowns in the second, sparked by Mitch Belton's blocked punt. Wesley McFadden scored two of the touchdowns on runs of 6 and 12 yards.

No. 11 Washington 17, Houston 36
Trailing for the first time this season, 7-3 late in the first quarter, Clemson scored three touchdowns in the second, sparked by Mitch Belton's blocked punt. Wesley McFadden scored two of the touchdowns on runs of 6 and 12 yards.

No. 12 Southern Cal 42, Ohio State 3
Trailing for the first time this season, 7-3 late in the first quarter, Clemson scored three touchdowns in the second, sparked by Mitch Belton's blocked punt. Wesley McFadden scored two of the touchdowns on runs of 6 and 12 yards.

No. 13 Pittsburgh 30, Syracuse 23
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No. 14 Texas A&M 30, Texas Tech 17
Trailing for the first time this season, 7-3 late in the first quarter, Clemson scored three touchdowns in the second, sparked by Mitch Belton's blocked punt. Wesley McFadden scored two of the touchdowns on runs of 6 and 12 yards.

No. 15 Alabama 15, Kentucky 3
Trailing for the first time this season, 7-3 late in the first quarter, Clemson scored three touchdowns in the second, sparked by Mitch Belton's blocked punt. Wesley McFadden scored two of the touchdowns on runs of 6 and 12 yards.

No. 16 Georgia Tech 24, Florida 17
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No. 17 Houston 36, Arizona State 7
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No. 18 North Carolina State 40, North Carolina 6
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No. 19 Washington State 29, Wyoming 23
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No. 20 Illinois 41, Utah State 2
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No. 21 Notre Dame 21, Michigan St 13
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No. 22 Oregon 17, Stanford 18
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No. 23 Arizona 20, Washington 11
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No. 24 UCLA 23, Michigan 5
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No. 25 Ohio State 3, Southern Cal 42
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No. 26 Texas Tech 17, Texas A&M 30
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No. 27 Missouri 7, Miami 38
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No. 28 Kentucky 3, Alabama 15
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No. 29 Washington State 29, North Carolina State 40
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No. 30 Utah State 2, Illinois 41
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No. 31 Maryland 7, Clemson 31
Trailing for the first time this season, 7-3 late in the first quarter, Clemson scored three touchdowns in the second, sparked by Mitch Belton's blocked punt. Wesley McFadden scored two of the touchdowns on runs of 6 and 12 yards.

No. 32 Louisville 21, West Virginia 30
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No. 33 Syracuse 23, Pittsburgh 30
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No. 34 Arkansas 24, Nebraska 48
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No. 35 Tennessee 24, Auburn 17
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No. 45 Syracuse 23, Pittsburgh 30
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No. 47 Tennessee 24, Auburn 17
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No. 48 Mississippi 17, Arkansas 24
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No. 49 Georgia Tech 24, Florida 17
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Organisers abandon Piston-Broke race

KOSA had a big day on Friday. The annual Piston-Broke race was held in the morning followed by an Open-Day and evening BBQ.

The Piston-Broke race is traditionally scheduled as a pursuit race; boats start according to their handicaps which meant that for a 2-hour race, Whispering (24 feet) started first at 10:00 am and Danat (40 feet) started 15 minutes later. The remainder of the fleet started between these two boats. If all boats sail to their true ability then theoretically, they should all finish at the same time.

The race which began in front of Shaab in light 6-8 knot Northwinds was designed as a seven leg course; beat to windward mark, reach to bell buoy, run to fish cages, reach to ODM (start line), beat to windward, run to fish cages and finally a reach to finish.

The Kosa Racing Committee was pleased to see that seven boats had entered the event. Whispering, with skipper Tony White at the helm started first. She was followed by Why Not (18 seconds later), Magic Flute (2 minutes 10 seconds), Shammyal (3 minutes 30 seconds), Lemons (6 minutes) and Gambit (6 minutes 30 seconds) and Danat (15 minutes).

SPORTS

SPORTS BRIEFS

Soviet weightlifter

ISTANBUL, Sept 24, (Reuters): A champion Soviet weightlifter and his trainer have arrived in Istanbul after defecting to the Turkish embassy in Athens, the semi-official Anatolian News Agency said today. Hafiz Sulaymanov, who won the 56 kg bantamweight category at the World Weightlifting Championships in Athens, arrived in Istanbul last night on a Turkish Airlines flight from Greece, it said.

Cyprus Rally

NICOSIA, Sept 24, (Reuters): Yves Loubet of France clinched the European Motor Rallying Championship today when he drove his Lancia Integrale to a 13-second victory in the three-day Cyprus Rally.

Spanish Open

MADRID, Sept 24, (UPI): Ecuador's Andres Gomez swept to a straight sets 6-4, 6-4, 6-2, victory over Austrian Horst Skoff today in the final of the Spanish Open tennis championship.

Transfer fee

BERN, Switzerland, Sept 24, (AP): Europe's soccer authority UEFA said yesterday the French team Racing Club Strasbourg must pay West Germany's FC Koeln three million Swiss francs (\$1.8 million) for the transfer of Tomas Alofs.

Late penalty

MADRID, Sept 24, (Reuters): A late penalty by Atletico Madrid's Brazilian striker Baltazar cost Sevilla first place in the Spanish League last night. The 86th minute spot kick was awarded when Fernando Munoz felled Futre.

PSV triumph

AMSTERDAM, Sept 24, (Reuters): Dutch champions PSV Eindhoven hit four goals in six minutes during a 9-1 demolition of Sparta Rotterdam yesterday.

English soccer

LONDON, Sept 24, (Reuters): Sunderland and Newcastle drew 0-0 in an English Football League Division Two soccer match today.

Asian volleyball

SEOUL, Sept 24, (Reuters): Results at the fifth Asian Men's Volleyball Championship today: Final: South Korea beat Japan 3-0 (16-15, 15-13). Third-place playoff: China beat Pakistan 3-2 (13-15, 15-11, 15-10, 13-15, 10-15).

Woodhall wins

MOSCOW, Sept 24, (AP): Britain's Richard Woodhall fought aggressively today to output Cuba's Jose Luis Hernandez 24-17 in the 71-kilogram (156-pound) class at the World Amateur Boxing Championships. Woodhall stopped Hernandez for standing eight counts in the second and third rounds, countering the Cuban's wild jabs with straight rights.

Brumfield quits

LEXINGTON, Kentucky, Sept 24, (AP): Don Brumfield, who rode Kauai King to victory in the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness in 1966, says he is retiring after 35 years as a jockey. "I thought this was the time to do it," said Brumfield, 51.

Cycling race

LUGO, Italy, Sept 24, (UPI): Maximilian Sciandri, 22-year-old new hope of Italian cycling, won the 64th Tour of Romagna yesterday, covering the 234 undulating kilometres starting at ending in Lugo, in north-eastern Italy, in 6 hours 4 minutes 12 seconds at an average speed of 38.550 kph.

Italian soccer

ROME, Sept 24, (Reuters): Results of Italian First Division soccer matches today.

Ascoli	0	Inter	1
Bologna	1	Genoa	0
Cremone	1	Napoli	1
Verona	1	Lazio	1
Juventus	1	Bari	0
Lecco	1	Udinese	0
AC Milan	1	Florentina	1
Roma	1	Cosenza	0
Sampdoria	1	Athlanta	0

Auto race

SUZUKA, Japan, Sept 24, (AP): Hitoshi Ogawa of Japan drove his Lola T89-50 to victory today in an F-3000 auto race, beating American Ross Cheever by about 13 seconds in the Suzuka Great 20 Drivers Race.

Jun classic

OGAWACHO, Japan, Sept 24, (AP): Taro Ozaki caught up with his brother Naomichi with a six-under-par 66 final round today and beat him in a sudden-death playoff in the 70 million yen (\$483,000) Gene Sarazen Jun Classic golf tournament.

Brave fight

PARIS, Sept 24, (Reuters): Sixteen-year-old Italian tennis prospect Cathy Caverzani put up a brave fight before falling to sixth seed Regina Rajchrtova of Czechoslovakia in the semifinals of the \$100,000 Paris women's tournament yesterday.

Chinese swimmer

HONG KONG, Sept 24, (AP): An international organisation fighting for democracy in China said today Taiwan has agreed to grant political asylum to a top Chinese swimmer who has been arrested by Hong Kong authorities. The New York-based Chinese alliance for democracy has sent a letter to Hong Kong Governor Sir David Wilson, asking to hold the repatriation of 20-year-old Yang Yang so that he can make arrangements to go to Taiwan.

TV rights

GENEVA, Sept 24, (Reuters): The European Football Union (UEFA) and the European Broadcasting Union (EBU) have signed contracts worth 86 million Swiss francs (\$51.6 million) for the television rights of top competitions from 1991 to 1996.

Europe hold US to retain Ryder Cup

SUTTON COLDFIELD, England, Sept 24, (Reuters): Europe made sure of keeping the Ryder Cup when they held the United States to a 14-14 draw.

The Europeans, down and virtually out for much of the final day, won five of the first eight singles matches completed, four of them on the final hole as the Americans appeared to crack under pressure.

The other four matches were won by the

United States but Europe, as the holders, kept the trophy.

"An hour ago I thought all was lost," said European captain Tony Jacklin, in charge of the team for all three of their Ryder Cup victories. "On those closing holes, the pressure is incredible and anyone can crack, even the Americans."

Jose Maria Canizares of Spain had the honour of holing the putt that ensured Europe would keep the trophy, which they won for the

second time in 1987 after their first success at the Belfry four years ago.

Canizares sunk a putt from four feet at the 18th to beat Ken Green.

There were other wins for Europe by Jose Maria Olazabal of Spain over Payne Stewart, Roman Rafferty of Britain over British Open champion Mark Calcavecchia, Mark James of Britain over Mark O'Meara and Christy O'Connor Jr of Ireland over Fred Couples.

Olazabal, Rafferty, O'Connor and Canizares all won on the final hole.

Europe, taking a 9-7 advantage into the final day, needed five points from the 12 singles.

For the United States, Paul Azinger beat Seve Ballesteros by one hole when the Spaniard fluffed his approach at the last. Tom Kite had a crushing 8 and 7 win over Howard Clark and Chip Beck beat Bernhard Langer of West Germany 3 and 1.

Berger wins Portuguese GP

Mansell collides with Senna

ESTORIL, Portugal, Sept 24, (Reuters): Austrian Gerhard Berger won a dramatic Portuguese Grand Prix today but his triumph was overshadowed by a mid-race crash involving world champion Ayrton Senna and Nigel Mansell.

Berger, in a Ferrari, claimed his first victory since last year's Italian Grand Prix but this victory was marred by the ugly scenes which dominated the afternoon.

Briton Mansell was shown the black flag after 46 laps but ignored it and collided with Brazilian Senna on the 48th lap as they jostled for the best line of entry into a corner.

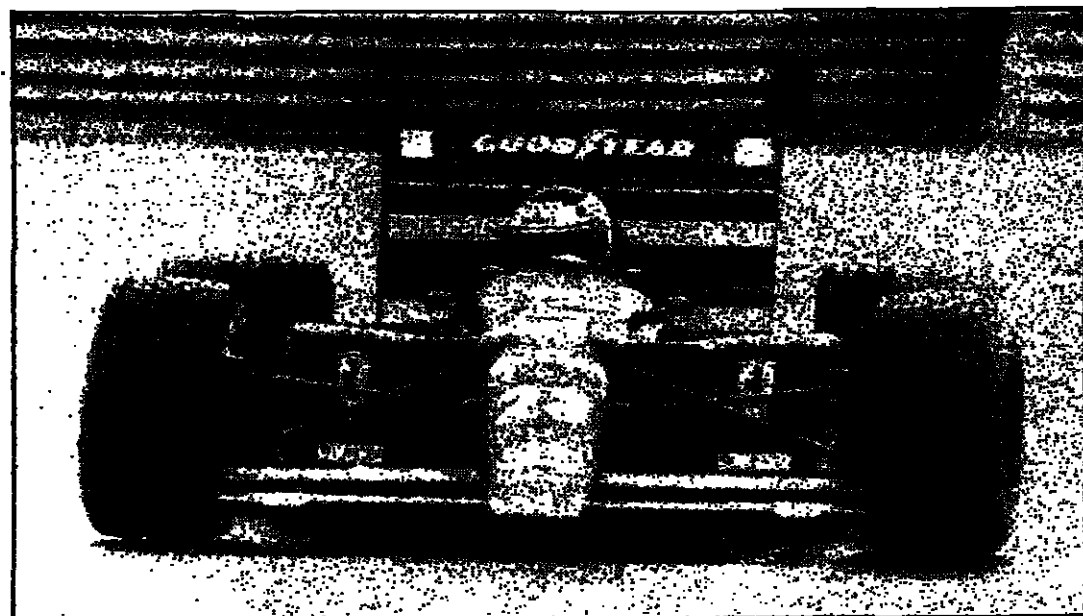
Both cars were damaged as they slid off the circuit but neither driver was hurt and their collision effectively ended a thrilling charge for victory, leaving Berger a comfortable drive to the flag.

Berger won in one hour 36 minutes 48.546 seconds.

Frenchman Alain Prost in a McLaren finished second to boost his world championship lead and leave Senna requiring a near miracle in the last three races if he is to reclaim his title.

Sweden's Stefan Johansson was third in an Onyx and Italian Alessandro Nannini fourth in a Benetton.

Italian Pierluigi Martini finished fifth in a Minardi ahead of



Berger on his way to victory.

Briton Jonathan Palmer in a Tyrrell.

Prost's second place was worth just four points to the Frenchman because Formula One rules allow only a driver's 11 best results of the year to count.

But it lifted him 24 points clear of Senna in the championship with three races remaining.

Berger was leading by only four seconds in a closely-fought race when Mansell and Senna

collided. Mansell, in third place, overtook second-placed Senna on the straight after he had been shown the black flag for the third successive lap.

He went by on the inside but Senna would not let him through and attempted to hold his line into the corner. Senna's McLaren went across the front of Mansell's car and both flew off the circuit.

Mansell was told to see the

stewards and charged angrily to the control tower without speaking. Senna walked into the McLaren garage also without speaking.

Results

(71 laps totalling 308.850 kms - 191.910 miles)

1. Gerhard Berger, Austria, Ferrari, 1 hour 36 minutes 48.546 seconds, average speed 191.418 kph; 2. Alain Prost, France,

McLaren, 1:37:21.183; 3. Stefan Johansson, Sweden, Onyx, 1:37:43.871; 4. Alessandro Nannini, Italy, Benetton, 1:38:10.915; 5. Pierluigi Martini, Italy, Minardi, one lap behind; 6. Jonathan Palmer, Britain, Tyrrell, one lap.

Standings

World Drivers' Championship standings (after 13 rounds):

1. Alain Prost (France) 75 points
2. Ayrton Senna (Brazil) 51
3. Nigel Mansell (Britain) 46
4. Riccardo Patrese (Italy) 28
5. Thierry Boutsch (Belgium) 24
6. Alessandro Nannini (Italy) 17
7. Gerhard Berger (Austria) 15
8. Nelson Piquet (Brazil) 9
9. Elio de Angelis (Italy) 9
10. Eddie Cheever (US) 6
11. Derek Warwick (Britain) 6
12. Stefan Johansson (Sweden) 6
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Note: Prost loses the two points he scored in the Mexican Grand Prix as today's race gave him his 12th finish in the top six. Only 11 can count in the standings.

World Constructors' Championship:

1. McLaren: 128 points; 2. Ferrari: 53; 3. Williams: 52; 4. Benetton: 22; 5. Tyrrell: 13; 6. Arrows: 12; 7. Lotus: 9; 8. Dallara: 8; 9. Elio de Angelis (Italy) 6; 10. Minardi: 5; 11. March: 4; 12. Elio de Angelis (Italy) 3; 13. AGS: 1.



Kurlovich Alexander of the Soviet Union lifts 215 kg for one of the gold medals. (Reuters wirephoto)

Botev wins as rivals fail

ATHENS, Sept 24, (Reuters): Bulgarian soldier Stefan Botev unexpectedly won a fourth title for his country yesterday as his main rivals faltered at the World Weightlifting Championships.

The duel for the heavyweight (up to 110 kg) crown had looked likely to be between triple world and 1988 Olympic champion Yuri Zhabarevich of the Soviet Union and East German double junior world champion Ronny Weller.

They lived up to expectations in the snatch, both lifting 202.5 kg, 17.5 kg more than anyone else.

But in the jerk they opted for what proved to be suicidal tactics.

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Entries open for mini-golf event

A MINI-GOLF tournament will be held at the Kuwait Entertainment City, Doha, grounds from Oct 1, according to Anwar Jasssem who is the organiser of the event and also the director of the operation and marketing department at the Entertainment City.

Anwar Jasssem said that entries are open for the event and the last date for registration is Sept 27.

The course has a total of 18 holes with each hole having a number of obstacles to make the game interesting.

Teams will be of a maximum of two players each with two teams playing together at the same time. A maximum of four players will be allowed to play a hole at a time.

It has been estimated that one group (four players) will take 45 minutes to one hour to complete the five groups one hour to 1 1/2 hours and 10 groups 1 1/2 to two hours.

The par for each hole has already been decided and the rules for scoring are the same as



One of the holes on the mini-golf course.

two hours.

The par for each hole has already been decided and the rules for scoring are the same as

for a normal golf game. In case of a tie, the match will be decided by a sudden-death-playoff over one hole.

China defeat S.Korea for Asian title

BEIJING, Sept 24, (AP): China broke open the game with a second half blitz and crushed South Korea 102-72 today, defending its title in the 15th Asian Men's Basketball Championships.

The Chinese, leading 61-51 with 13 minutes to play, exploded for 17 straight points, ending the Koreans' upset bid.

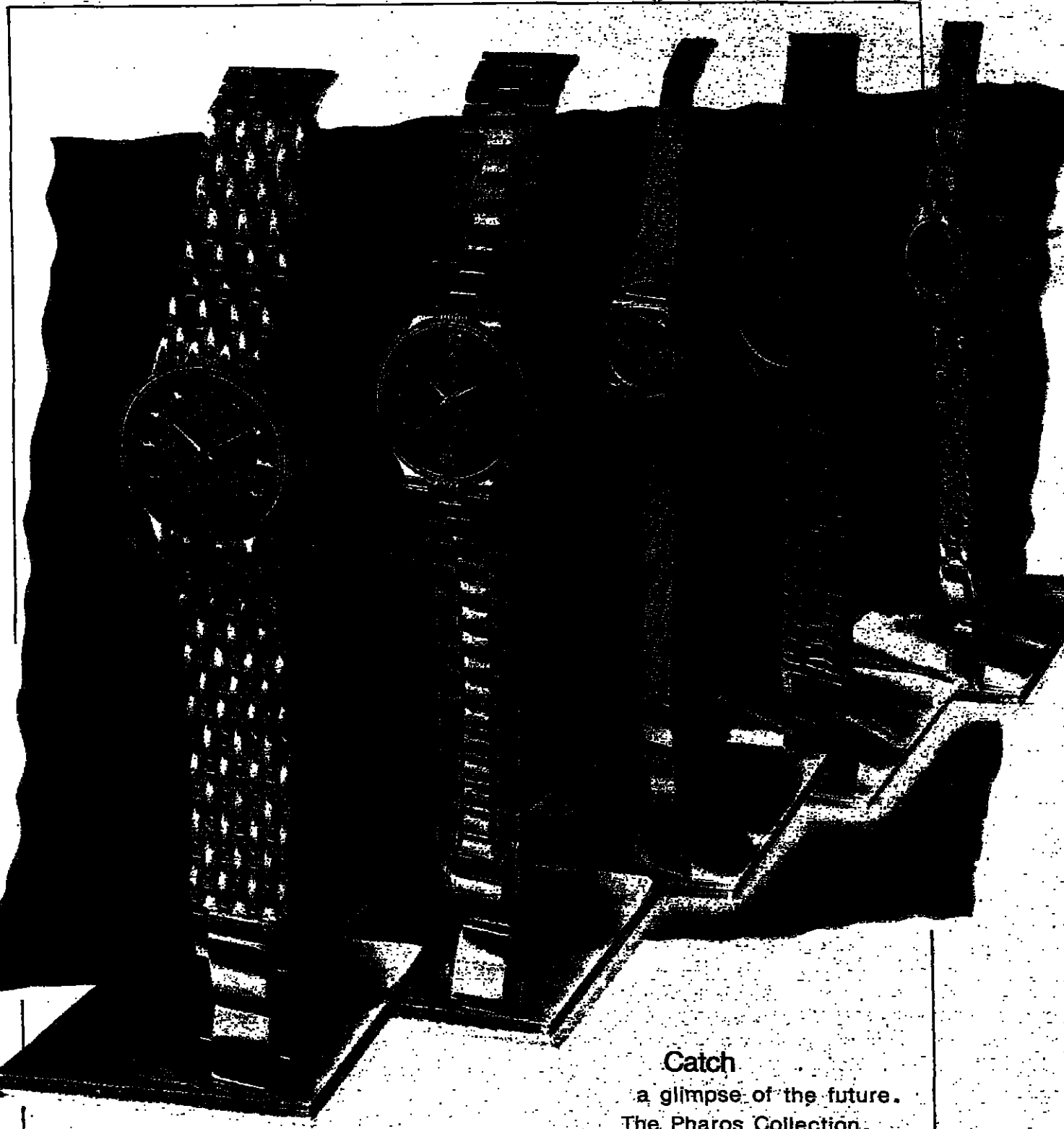
Wang Fei was China's top scorer with 31 points, including 14 of 19 from the field. Ma Jian added 16 for the Chinese. The Koreans were paced by Kim Yoo-Tack with 24.

The South Koreans, who hit 12 of 24 from the 3-point zone in last night's semifinal victory over Japan, saw their long shooting fail against China's aggressive defence, with only 3 of 16 3-point attempts going through the hoop.

In the third-place game, Taiwan defeated Japan 69-58, after leading at halftime 33-31. Tseng Tseng-Chiu scored 21 points for Taiwan while Japan's top scorer was Akira Rikukawa with 12.

Fifth place went to Iran, which came back from a 42-38 halftime deficit to outrun India 101-79.

Saudi Arabia captured seventh place by defeating the Philippines 91-89 in overtime. The Philippines led at halftime 45-40, but the Saudis came back to tie the score 80-80 in regulation play.



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